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# FIRE!

BY BRAD EARL

**MARCONI'S Young Socceroo striking duo of Rod Brown and David Lowe are firing ... determined to make national coach Frank Arok sit up and take notice.**

Brown and Lowe, who formed an effective attacking partnership in the 1983 Australian World Youth Championship team, were reunited at the start of the season by Marconi coach Les Scheinflug.

Marconi have scored 19 goals in their last four games, and the two front men have netted nine between them.

Yet neither Brown nor Lowe was named in the original Australian squad.

National coach Arok was at Marconi Stadium on Sunday, and kept a close eye on the two 20-year-olds against Wollongong.

After assessing their form, he decided to invite the red-headed "Rooster" Brown to train with the Australian squad today (Tuesday) at St George Stadium.

Arok is impressed by Brown's forcefulness and pace up-front.

Scheinflug believes Brown just needs "a bit more composure".

Lowe, one of the big pre-season signings,

took time to settle into his new team.

Critics claimed he shone in Newcastle KB United's line-up last year because he was surrounded by ordinary players.

Yet he has hit back well, regularly scoring and setting up goals in recent games.

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## DAVIES BLOWS WHISTLE FOR LAST TIME

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

**TOP referee Tim Davies will blow his whistle for the last time after Sunday's Sydney City versus Marconi NSL match at the Sydney Athletic Field.**

Davies was expected to handle his share of matches in the coming international tournament.

He said he was retiring because of a bad knee.

"My knee has been playing up and I have to see a specialist next Monday," he said.

"I had both cartilages removed four years ago.

"I can't risk being in charge of a match at the

Sydney Cricket Ground if my knee packs up on me."

Davies adds that he's very disappointed that he must retire at 45, after 20 years as a referee.

He was only added to the FIFA list last December.

Richard Lorenc could be his successor as Doug Renne is in his final year before compulsory retirement.



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ROD BROWN shields the ball from Leichhardt defender Mark Pullen



## EDITORIAL

IT is good to know the National Soccer League is worried about the way the competition is shaping.

It is even more comforting to discover the NSL intends doing something about its problems.

For far too long, the people running the NSL refused to accept that they were heading in the wrong direction.

They were convinced they were right in all they did. And whenever anyone questioned the wisdom of their decisions, the person was branded as a trouble-maker.

Or that favourite word of the Soccer establishment "negative."

Constructive criticism is essential in any democratic institution. It is a pity the National League bosses did not listen when they were told the format for the 1984 season was a hotch-potch.

The decision to rename two divisions "Australian Conference" and "National Conference" was ridiculous. The abandonment of simple home and away fixture lists was similarly bad. And fixture planning, causing a top team like Sydney City to play six away games in their first seven rounds, was nothing short of chaotic.

However, that is all water under the bridge.

At least the NSL has seen the error of its ways, even though it may be too late to salvage much from the 1984 season.

Now the lively young Stefan Kamasz is to be given more freedom to spread the gospel of the League.

From this week, Kamasz, secretary-manager of the NSL, will be in charge of promotion and publicity. Normal office duties, which he has had to look after, will now be handled by someone else.

But Kamasz is no superman. He cannot be expected to transform an ailing competition into a winner unless he gets plenty of help from all sides.

In this context, Tony Labbozzetta, vice-chairman of the National League, told us: "It is in everyone's interest to make a success of the League. You, the media, have to help us, too."

We are sure the media will play its part. But it takes two to tango. And right now, many NSL clubs don't have a clue about how to handle press and public relations.

Coaches of some top teams are never available when required. Others answer questions grudgingly, as if they were giving away Australian Government defence secrets.

At least one club decided to slap a ban on a writer from AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY because some officials in the club didn't like what he was writing.

Oh yes... it certainly does need a genuine effort from all sides if the good ship National League is to be steered away from the rocks now threatening to wreck it.

Perhaps the first job for Steve Kamasz in his new portfolio should be a review of relations between each club and the media.

Then idiotic banning of writers and commentators might cease and we could all return to the more important business of promoting the greatest sport in the world — Soccer.

Over to you, Stefan.

# AROK NAMES EIGHT

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FRANK AROK has already settled on eight names to represent Australia's "A" team in the coming international tournament.

Australia's national coach was guest speaker last week at Canberra Arrows' VIP Supporters club.

During question time, Arok let slip eight names he has already decided upon to play for Australia "A".

His attack will revolve around Sydney City's Soccer captain John Kosmina and Sydney Olympic's Marshall Soper.

The midfield will be structured around Joe Watson and Kenny Murphy.

Arok's backline will include centre-backs David Ratcliffe and Charlie Yankos, with Graham Jennings in the left-back position.

Terry Greedy will be Australia's goalkeeper.

## Graduated

The elite eight, with the exception of Soper, served Australia so solidly in the England test



ALAN DAVIDSON

## FROM PAGE 1

Lowe has close control, can turn sharply and beat defenders, and uses both feet.

He plays a roving role in the Marconi forward-line, and two of the goals in the Wollongong win resulted from his crosses — one from either flank.

Scheinflug, the 1983 Youth team coach, decided to reunite Lowe and Brown and last year's Youth team captain, midfielder Tommy McCulloch, at Marconi this year.

And probably the most satisfying thing as far as Les Scheinflug is concerned is that his decision to buy Lowe has been proved 100 per cent correct.

series last year.

Soper, however, has graduated into Arok's first team following his strong performance, with "controlled aggression", for NSW against Queensland.

Arok went on to disclose that South Melbourne's Alan Davidson is very close to selection as either a linkman or full-back.

At this stage, Canberra Arrows' exciting striker, Frank Farina, looks des-

tinued for an Australian "B" shirt.

However, depending on Farina performance against international opposition in the tournament, the youngster could be drafted into the A team.

Arok spoke very highly of Canberra's outstanding sensational young goalkeeper Anthony Franken.

He said Franken has everything except the necessary experience for a senior international.



JOHN KOSMINA (left)

## More State

IN your Editorial of April 24, you made the point (and quite rightly so in my opinion) that the average Soccer fan was not interested in watching games against interstate teams. Crowd figures prove this.

I would take this view a stage further and suggest that the fans are not even interested in reading about them, particularly since the expansion of the NSL and the inclusion of little-known teams from their areas.

At the present time, this mass coverage of the NSL competition is resulting in very limited space being available in the WEEKLY for the affairs of the local State and district leagues.

This week's coverage of the NSW Stage League, with less than half a page of written matter to cover the whole weekend's games, emphasises my point.

I would suggest that for the readers with no interstate interests, the WEEKLY is beginning to show poor value for money, and I would like to see some thought given to the possibility of either splitting the paper into separate editions for Sydney and Melbourne, or at least publishing a separate supplement for each of the two States.

Either of these suggestions would enable readers to get the maximum interest from whichever area concerned them most.

W. TOLLEY,  
N. Balgowlah, NSW.

## Promotion

IT was interesting to read in the issue April 24 Joe Watson's comment on the non-promotion aspect of the code and in this regard

I suspect he was referring to the National Soccer League.

Many believe it is the Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Company's role to achieve that aim but few realise that organisation is in business primarily to make a profit using the code as the vehicle.

In making that comment, it must be stressed there is nothing wrong with the company looking at the profit aspect first and foremost.

Any commercial organisation has that responsibility to its shareholders.

The forthcoming international tournament arranged by ASFM Pty Ltd is a first-class promotion and will be to the benefit of the code in Australia.

However, I do believe the promotional aspect will only improve when the National Soccer League in association with the Australian Soccer Federation introduces as a priority a position within the organisation for a suitably qualified person to promote the League and Soccer in general.

Only when such a person is in a position where his direct employment position is dependent on his ability to promote, will the code receive the necessary push that in my opinion Joe was referring to.

That position is not in lieu of ASFM Pty Ltd. There will always be a need for such a company working with the Australian Soccer Federation in a manner we are about to see in May-June, but is that what Joe was really referring to? I suspect not!

ALAN J. VESSEY,  
Arana Hills, Qld.

## 'Killers'

AFTER reading the heading of last week's AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY it makes one

## READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad. If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to the Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PO Box 406, Broadway, 2007.

wonder. Queensland-NSW war!

Mr Boskovic had an article also in your paper regarding sportsmanship. Some of your present-day players have a lot to learn, or else it is bad coaching.

One player is supposed to have said: "We'll kill them."

We know it's a "man's game", but that's not the name of the game. Too many players are receiving injuries that are uncalled for, and the teams haven't got the money to help them to get over their injuries.

I went to the Qld v NSW match and I would like to have seen Queensland win but unfortunately NSW finished up 2-0.

They were the better team. Queensland's only player to me was Frank Liddell and goalkeeper Kim Wishart, who had no chance with the two goals.

The reception given to the NSW team didn't seem very welcoming and Mr Arok seemed snubbed.

I don't approve of his attitude either. Surely in West Australia or Tasmania we have at least one good player.

In your paper's UK Page, Terry Cooper, one of England's greats and now manager of Bristol City, mentions spectators throwing slabs of concrete, and he reckons in 10 years time nobody will want to watch the game.

Administrators think about it!

SAMUEL MCGREGOR,  
Inala, Qld.

## Catastrophe

THE catastrophic state of senior club Soccer in the Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong and South-East Queensland areas, key areas for Soccer in Australia, is a cause of great sadness for genuine supporters of the game, but can hardly be of much surprise.

In Sydney, the overall standing of, and interest in, the game by the general public has reached an all-time low.

To underline the point, I do not think anybody can ever remember the last time when Aussie Rules surpassed Soccer as the second football code in Sydney.

With only modest success so far, the Sydney Swans have already achieved this, and in a very short time.

The latest ploy to prop up our game, the international series, may well prove to be a success if enough people can afford to go to the matches in these hard economic times and overcome their real, or imagined, fear of violent Soccer crowds.

Whatever the outcome of the tournament, it will no more solve the problems that afflict Soccer in Australia than a pain-killer will cure a terminally ill patient.

Sadly it seems Australian Soccer will have to be brought to a state of collapse before the drastic changes that are necessary will be brought about if the game is going to achieve even a modest revival.

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RAY WILKINS

## ROBSON STAYS, WILKINS GOES

**MANCHESTER UNITED** and England midfielder Ray Wilkins will play for Italy's AC Milan next season.

Wilkins, 28, agreed to the \$2,200,000 three-year contract after meeting Milan president Guiseppe Farina in Manchester. He will go to Italy tomorrow Wednesday to finalise the deal.

United manager Ron Atkinson said Wilkins' departure meant that brilliant England midfielder Bryan Robson, wanted in Italy, would stay at Old Trafford.

"Robson will not be leaving this club," Atkinson said. Although Wilkins has been widely acclaimed as United's outstanding

player this season, there is no shortage of talent to replace him.

Gordon Strachan's transfer from Aberdeen to Manchester United will go through this month and Danish international, Jesper Olsen, will also join United.

## ORMOND DIES

**WILLIE ORMOND**, Scotland's coach in the 1974 World Cup in West Germany, died in hospital at the age of 59.

National coach Frank Arok said this will be Katholos' big test... but the popular Sydney Olympic player does not intend letting any sort of pressure get to him.

Arok said: "This is the deciding game for Katholos. He has kept performing at the highest level, and has displayed the right attitude this year."

"Katholos is experienced as an international, he is not a newcomer, so he will come straight into the squad."

The national squad will be split into two teams, "A" and "B", for the international series starting later this month.

Katholos said he will treat the Leichhardt match just like any other game.

He is playing as a striker with Sydney Olympic this year — for the first time in his senior career.

"I've proved myself as a midfielder, and playing as a striker has given me a new



**ARNO BERTOONA** perspective," Katholos said.

"I'm pretty happy with my games this year, and coach Manfred Schaefer has given me a lot of freedom up front."

Katholos, who played for Australia in the Merlion Cup victory in Singapore last November, scored a brilliant goal against Blacktown City on Sunday.

Other players who will be under the microscope during the Marconi-Leichhardt game will be the Leichhardt trio of



**PETER KATHOLOS** (right) in action for Australia against England

sweeper Arno Bertogna, left midfielder Peter Tredinnick and striker John Bradley.

Four players have been brought into the Melbourne-based squad.

They are goalie Jeff Olver and midfielder Theo Selemidis (Heidelberg), midfielder Richard Miranda (Brunswick Juventus) and striker Charlie Egan (South Melbourne).

Out of contention for the national series through injury are goalie Peter Laumets, right-back David Skeen, midfielder Jimmy Campbell and striker Phil O'Connor.

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# GRANT, WILLIE SPELL GOALS

GRANT LEE and Willie Murray are now proving to everyone that they are the two most devastating wingers in the land.

Against Blacktown they were in great form and gave the Demons defence the run-around.

Add to them the goalscoring skills of John Kosmina and you indeed have a fearsome attack.



BY JOE WATSON

With Willie and Grant playing such great stuff don't be surprised when you see Kossie shooting up the goalscoring charts.

Having two wingers in such great form is a strikers dream come true, so I'm sure Kossie will be rubbing his hands with glee at the chances these two will be making for him in the coming weeks.

It all spells "goals galore" for the Slickers and

with our confidence riding sky-high at the moment the future never looked better.

Of course, there is more to winning than scoring goals and our defence this year is also showing great form and has conceded less goals than any other team in the competition.

We are all hoping that we can attract more

people to our home games at the Sydney Athletic Field this year, and the way the team is playing I guarantee the fans will more than get their money's worth.

This week we play Marconi at the Sydney Athletic Field, so if you want to see some great Soccer this weekend then head for this game. It's sure to be a cracker.

## TWO HAVE BIG GAMES

TWO players who greatly impressed me for NSW against Queensland last week were Ian Gray and Marshall Soper.

Both had solid games and I'm sure coach Frank Arok took note.

I've always been an admirer of Ian and I feel that this could be his big year, he is obviously one reason why Leichhardt are going so well this year.

Marshall silenced his critics with a great performance and if he keeps up this sort of form he will be one of the stars in the coming international series.

Full marks to Queensland and their sponsors Kern Corporation, for their obvious efforts to promote the game.

The 6,000 people who turned up was the largest crowd I've seen at a Soccer match in the Sunshine State.

The game was also filmed by local television and David Fordham once again proved he is by far the finest Soccer commentator in Australia.



GRANT LEE (left) slides to reach the ball first. Lee has been in great form for the Slickers.

## ATTI'S SACKING HIGHLIGHTS INSTABILITY

THE sacking of Atti Abonyi was a disgrace.

His dismissal indicates the pathetic composition of Soccer clubs in this country.

In this case it involves a young, dedicated and potentially brilliant coach.

Doyen of Australian coaches Frank Arok, thinks highly enough of Abonyi to appoint him as his national team assistant.

The same Abonyi coached Croatia to two premierships and was also a player in another premiership triumph.

How can a club sack such a man after just eight games?

### Talk

There was talk of Abonyi being removed after only six games.

So his team was at the bottom of the League with five points.

The top team only had 12.

In the loss to Blacktown, which immediately preceded his sacking, Croatia had ascendancy for most of the game and did everything but score — Soccer can be like that.

Terry Hennessey has been sacked by Melbourne Croatia.

Who's next? Peter Ollerton at Preston? Doug Collins at Canberra?



BY MIKE JOHNSON

There was even talk of Les Scheinflug at Marconi.

When you look at what has happened to Bobby McLachlan at Footscray, sacked after only six matches, no-one in a National League coaching hot-seat can rest easy.

Perhaps we could exclude Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson from that remark, yet such is the instability of our clubs that one could not be certain even with those two.

I repeat: the situation is pathetic. It makes one despair for the progress of Australian Soccer.

Our clubs are committed up to their eyeballs financially, mainly with playing wages, and they

cannot afford even two losses in a row.

### Panic

The moment there is a drop in crowds, panic alarms are going off all over the place.

The most obvious and easiest remedy is to sack the coach.

Yet no matter how many coaches are sacked — and some clubs have had as many as four coaches in one season — there will still be four teams at the top of each conference table and eight under them at season's end.

It is long-term management stability and commonsense planning we need in our clubs, not short-term blood letting.

Coaches know that being sacked is one of the hazards of the job and most accept that, as has Abonyi.

However, being sacked after six or eight games is utterly ridiculous.

This is especially so in Abonyi's case when his club knew he was a proven performer who could be expected to get results in time.

So what do they want from Mick Jones, a wave of the magic wand and up the League Croatia go?

## ASW STAR WRITERS

Indeed this might just happen. The team was due to win. It had been very unlucky in its last three outings. Abonyi had just made three excellent signings.

The more you think about it, the more it makes you squirm.



ATTI ABONYI

## JUNNA SET FOR LIONS

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS look set to go ahead with the signing of former North Queensland player Ray Junna, who has been a sensation since arriving at Richlands.

Junna, who spent two years at the Institute of Sport before joining Canberra Arrows in a \$1,500 transfer from Mareeba United is presently on a one month trial at Lions.

And the 20-year-old has forced his way into the club's NSL side with some dazzling attacking performances.

Junna played for the Lions reserve team in a match against Queensland Youth team trialists and scored two sensational goals in a 5-1 win for Lions.

Then, when he came on as substitute in Lions match against Footscray, Junna almost scored with his first touch. His tricky shot fooled Footscray keeper Lou Tsigaris and clipped the inside of the near upright and bounced down the goal-line before being cleared.

"He has linked up well and the change of clubs seems to have given him new enthusiasm," Lions

coach Harry Noon said.

"Junna has given us the added pace and variety we have been needing in attack. Over 10 metres he is the quickest mover we have by far."

Junna has now become the 10th member of the 1982 Australian championship-winning

Queensland youth team to play in the National League.

He joins Lions' Russell Stewart, Danny Wright, Peter McClurg, Steve Jackson and Michael Gerritsen, City's Stephen Glockner, John Kowtan and Andy Chapman and Canberra's Frank Farina.



RAY JUNNA



# SUCCESS OR FAILURE? STATES MAY BRING OVERSEAS TEAMS

BY GREG RUSSELL

NEW SOUTH WALES Soccer Federation president John Constantine has called on the State Federations to band together to bring top overseas teams to Australia to play State sides.

Mr Constantine, speaking in Brisbane after the recent interstate challenge, said the forthcoming international series in Australia was a "privately-organised event."

But he added it had "opened the door for State teams to take on top international sides."

Constantine, and his Queensland counterpart Ian Brusasco, were ecstatic over the success of the interstate Soccer promotion, and predicted regular future interstate matches.

More than 5,000 people attended Perry Park, which by Queensland Soccer standards was a big crowd.

"It is obvious these are the types of matches the public wants," Constantine said.

"If the NSL does not continue, interstate football is a must from the national team point of view. It is no use being a superstar in a little team. Regular State

matches will enable the national coach to see players in action in top-level matches."

Brusasco, in issuing a challenge for another match against NSW, warned that State Federations must be selective in planning interstate games.

"There will always be interest in matches against our traditional rivals, like Queensland against NSW and NSW against Victoria," he said.

"As for bringing overseas sides here, I think we should begin to look towards the Asian countries as they are our immediate World Cup opponents."

Brusasco named Qatar as one side he would like to see come to Australia to play the Queensland and NSW State sides.

The oil-rich nation was a big hit when it reached the Final of the World Youth Championship in Australia in 1981: it recently qualified for the Los Angeles Olympics.

BY TOM McKAIN

WHEN the National League Council of Clubs meets to discuss, among other things, the success or failure of the new league, there could be a complaint from South Australia.

Clubs outside the NSL may want to know why teams like Green Gully and George Cross got in ahead of SA's Beograd, Azzurri and Salisbury.

Certainly Azzurri slid down the ladder since winning the Ampol Cup, but Beograd are in brilliant and attractive form Salisbury has caught the imagination of fans for battling performances after gaining promotion.

The 7-0 slaughter of Cross by West Adelaide's teenage brigade had the fans buzzing, not only because West played so well, but because the Victorians looked a poor side when compared to some of the SA State League outfits.

Beograd, in particular, has proved its application for the NSL was not made as an empty gesture.

Last year's League champions have continued to fire this season, and it

took West to knock them out of the Ampol series in the semi-finals.

## Push

Beograd are certain to again push for inclusion in the NSL, and will be watching the finishing positions of the Victorian teams very closely.

The fans appear to have accepted the new 24-team set-up which appeared confusing at first.

The clubs are no doubt feeling the benefit of less travel, but there has been rumblings in SA, from officials and followers, that they would prefer to see more Sydney teams.

And there are certain to be complaints from West and Adelaide City about the recent programming of both clubs at home on the same Sunday.

While West won't complain about three home

## NSL DEBATE

games straight, coach Sam Salabasidis was not pleased with the run which saw them away from home three games on the trot, with one of the visits to Sydney.

There was a mixed reaction to the dropping of the three points-for-a-win system, with our quick survey showing it was not a vital factor and certainly did not have any bearing on attendances.

The crowds at the Adelaide matches have fluctuated with West starting to pull their fans back after their youth team started to prove that at times they can play like veterans, and must be given a chance of making the final five.

Adelaide City has not

fared so well, with no cash spent on players and Neil Banfield, Stewart Blair, Glenn Dods and Les Carter gone from last year's team, plus a five-week injury which robbed them of star midfielder Charlie Villani.

Unlike West, it has had few mature youngsters coming through.

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# ROUND UP

## OLYMPIC SUBDUE THE DEMONS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC** stamped themselves as championship contenders with a well-taken 2-0 win over NSL newcomers **Blacktown City** at the Gabbie Stadium.

Blacktown have to be commended on their display. They held out the highly rated Olympic attack for all bar the last 11 minutes.

The Demons frontline, which has sadly missed international winger Phil O'Connor, was further depleted when young John Larkin withdrew from the side with an hand injury.

Blacktown City coach Casey De Bruin was impressed with way his side played, despite the loss.

"They are always dangerous in the first 20 minutes and the boys carried out my instructions.

"It was a much better performance by the team after losing 4-0 against Sydney City on Anzac Day."

Blacktown could have opened the scoring in the 64th minute. Brett Thornthwaite, who was recently selected in the NSW U19 side, found himself free in front of goal but his shot was parried by Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier, and a rebound attempt was fired wide.

International reject Peter Katholos answered his

critics with both goals in the 79th and 81st minutes.

Jim Patikas, who surprisingly was left out of the first XI, Graham Jennings and Marshall Soper were involved in the lead up for Katholos to score from 10 metres.

Two minutes later Katholos scored from the penalty spot after Soper was fouled by Blacktown keeper Barry Hoare.

**BLACKTOWN CITY:** Hoare, Wheatley, Rasmussen, Dunleavy, Pointer, Selvage, McLaughlin, Byrne, Sandy (Quarmby 65), Eaton, Thornthwaite.

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meier, Rogers, Jennings, Lambropoulos, Coady, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Theodorakopoulos (Patikas 57), Soper, Katholos, Koussas.

REFEREE: A. Owens.

CROWD: 3,148.



JIM PATIKAS

## ROSEBUDS GO WEST!

BY JOHN FIELD

**ONCE** again, the struggling **Rosebuds** from Newcastle have been trampled underfoot by much superior opposition.

This time, it was the turn of West Adelaide to crush the Northern NSW side, which they did most capably, winning 4-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Strangely enough, Newcastle were first to score, going ahead through Simon Brandt after only six minutes.

That was the way the score remained until the second half but in the 50th minute, Nick Malavazos equalised.

West Adelaide never looked back, moving ahead through George Konstandopoulos and going 3-1 in front with another goal from Malavazos.

Neil McGachey, not a noted scorer of goals, curved over goal number four to complete the unhappy afternoon for Newcastle.

Apart from the defeat, which takes them to second bottom spot on the NSL table, Rosebuds had another problem to take with them on the long journey home.

Defender Michael Boogaard was sent off in the first half and now faces automatic suspension.

Steve Atsalas and John Panagis did well in the midfield for West Adelaide who now find themselves, surprisingly perhaps, in the upper reaches of the NSL table... in second place, in fact.

**WEST ADELAIDE:** Sproul, Papazoglou, McGregor, McGachey, Honeyman (Baker 78), Manou (Stamatelopoulos), Konstandopoulos, Panagis, Malavazos, Atsalas, Brown.

**NEWCASTLE:** Cox, Haslem, Boogaard, Kerby, Maier, Senkalski, Davies, Todd, Brandt, Jones, Caban.

REFEREE: T. Martell. CROWD: 2,521.

## TWO KILLER GOALS

BY CHARLES CHAMBERS

**Brunswick Juventus** crammed two goals in the space of four minutes to down **Heidelberg United** 3-2 at Olympic Village.

Their win stretched their lead to three points and strengthened their bid for the title.

In a thrill-packed encounter, watched by 7,000 cheering supporters, both sides performed to the

best of their ability fully justifying their positions on the table.

Talented midfielder Andrew Zinni shot Juventus to the lead driving into the net.

Juve maintained their

lead until the 53rd minute when Scott Patterson converted a penalty awarded against Geremia.

The teams remained deadlocked until six minutes from full time when Heidelberg's target man Steve Winn scored from close range.

A goalmouth scramble presented Joe Sweeney with the opportunity to equalise.

Juventus snatched the points right on full time

when Miranda, the experienced midfielder, slotted the ball in the net.

**HEIDELBERG:** Olver, McKie, Marley, Yankos, McLeod, Valentine, Petersen, Selemidis, Winn, Patterson, Tzitzis.

**JUVENTUS:** Keogh, Geremia, Swinscoe (Campbell 66), Hird, Dowie, Rogers, Cullen, Miranda, Sweeney, Lloyd, Zinni (Ward 62).

REFEREE: S. Mellings. CROWD: 7,000.

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
BRUNSWICK	10	7	1	2	16	12	15	4	1	1	8	5	9	3	0	1	8	7	6		
WEST AD.	10	5	2	3	20	14	12	4	0	1	16	4	8	1	2	2	4	10	4		
H'BERG	10	4	3	3	18	13	11	3	1	1	13	8	7	1	2	2	5	5	4		
STH MELB.	10	4	2	4	15	10	10	2	2	2	9	5	6	2	0	2	6	5	4		
PRESTON	10	3	4	3	11	12	10	1	3	1	6	6	5	2	1	2	5	6	5		
BRIS. CITY	10	3	3	4	8	11	9	0	3	3	2	6	3	3	0	1	6	5	6		
MELB. CROATIA	10	3	3	4	16	20	9	1	2	1	5	5	4	2	1	3	11	15	5		
AD. CITY	10	3	2	5	10	11	8	1	2	3	6	7	4	2	0	2	4	4	4		
FOOTSCRAY	10	3	2	4	11	13	8	0	0	4	2	8	0	3	2	1	9	5	8		
GR. GULLY	10	2	4	4	9	15	8	1	2	2	6	8	4	1	2	2	3	7	4		
BRIS. LIONS	10	2	3	5	9	15	7	0	2	3	3	9	2	2	1	2	6	6	5		
SUNSHINE	10	1	2	7	3	22	4	0	1	4	0	6	1	1	1	3	3	16	3		

### AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	P W D L F A Pts							W D L F A Pts							W D L F A Pts						
PARRA-MELITA	10	5	4	1	13	9	14	2	2	1	7	6	6	3	2	0	6	3	8		
SYD. CITY	9	5	3	1	19	6	13	1	1	0	5	1	3	4	2	1	14	5	10		
OLYMPIC	10	5	3	2	20	10	13	1	1	2	6	7	3	4	2	0	14	3	10		
LEICHHARDT	10	5	3	2	16	10	13	4	0	2	10	6	8	1	3	0	6	4	5		
BLACKTOWN	10	5	2	3	15	15	12	3	2	1	10	7	8	2	0	2	5	8	4		
MARCONI	10	4	2	4	25	15	10	3	0	2	14	7	6	1	2	2	11	8	4		
CANBERRA	10	5	0	5	21	15	10	3	0	1	12	5	6	2	0	3	9	10	4		
ST GEORGE	10	3	4	3	10	9	10	2	3	1	8	6	7	1	0	2	1	2	2		
PENRITH	10	3	4	3	15	19	10	2	1	2	9	14	5	1	3	1	6	5	5		
SYD. CROATIA	10	2	4	4	13	20	8	0	1	3	3	11	1	2	3	1	10	9	7		
NEWCASTLE	9	3	1	5	10	15	7	2	1	1	6	6	5	1	0	4	4	9	2		
W'GONG	10	2	3	5	9	21	7	2	1	2	5	8	5	0	2	3	4	13	2		

### RESULTS

MELB CROATIA 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Brown 2) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 5,000.  
BRISBANE CITY 0 PARRA MELITA 1 (Wilson) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1,000.  
HEIDELBERG 2 (Patterson, Winn) BRUNSWICK JUVE 3 (Zinni, Sweeney, Miranda) at Olympic Village. Crowd: 9,000.  
ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Mullen) CANBERRA ARROWS 2 (Redmond, Farina) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 1,200.  
BRISBANE LIONS 0 SYDNEY CITY 2 (Gomez, Hunter og) at Richlands. Crowd: 600.  
SUNSHINE GC 0 FOOTSCRAY 2 (Paton 2) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 1,500.  
WEST ADELAIDE 4 (Malavazos 2, Konstandopoulos, McGachey) NEWCASTLE 1 (Brandt) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2,000.  
PRESTON 1 (Wade og) GREEN GULLY 1 (Carter) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 3,000.

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ST GEORGE 1 (Petkovski) PENRITH 1 (Wotherspoon) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1,057.  
LEICHHARDT 0 SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Rezo) at Henson Park. Crowd: 2,391.  
BLACKTOWN 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Katholos 2) at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 3,148.  
LEICHHARDT 2 (Morsello 2) SYDNEY CITY 1 (Murray) at St George. Crowd: 1,547.  
MARCONI 4 (Brown 2, Lowe, McCulloch) WOLLONGONG 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1,545.

### TOP SCORERS

- 8 — Katholos (SO)
- 7 — Farina (CA), Patterson (H), Doug Brown (SM)
- 6 — Sweeney (BJ), Winn (H), Bradley (L), Lowe (M), Brandt (N), Konstandopoulos (WA)
- 5 — Rod Brown, McCulloch (M), Marton (St G), Kosmina, Murray (S. City), Arnold (S. Cr), Soper (SO), Malavazos (WA)







## LEICHHARDT LACK COMMITMENT

BY TOM ANDERSON

**LEICHHARDT had their greatest opportunity ever to consolidate top position in the Australian Conference — and they blew it.**

It is tough being at the bottom of the table, but on Sunday's performance at Henson Park when Sydney Croatia downed Leichhardt 1-0 it seems tougher being at the top.

Leichhardt went into the game as leaders and Croatia as wooden spooners and a pre-match analysis pointed to a convincing Leichhardt win. But the form book was

thrown out of the window and their title hopes received a severe setback.

But they only had themselves to blame, for they had Croatia in trouble in the first half and then let them off the hook.

They even missed a penalty in the fifth minute of the game when young Ian Gray steered the ball wide of goal.

Despite being on the end of a first half blitz, Croatia never gave up and grabbed full points when David Rezo latched on to a poor Leichhardt clearance in the 78th minute and found the net from 20 metres.

There were too many key players in this Leichhardt team who did not take enough responsibility and there should have been more commitment.

Sure it's not the end of the world but the loss of these two valuable points could prove crucial at the end of the season.

**LEICHHARDT:** Parkes; Bottalico, Bertogna, Pullen, Brown; Gray, Bradley, Butler, Tredinnick; Caban, Morsello.

**SYDNEY CROATIA:** Watson; Sterrey, Drinkwater, Vidaic, Tomasich; Borges (M.Kovacic 80), Boden, Rezo; Savor, Arnold, Clinch.

**REFEREE:** Gary Power. **CROWD:** 2,391.



**JUBILATION:** Dave Rezo celebrates his goal

## REDMOND GETS THE WINNER

BY TOM McKAIN

**CANBERRA ARROWS broke a hoodoo when they won for the first time in Adelaide, knocking off City 2-1 at Olympic Sports Field.**

While it was not a game which had the fans on their feet for 90 minutes, it did have its moments.

Like the 15th minute when Frank Farina was at the far post to nod in the first goal from a Tom Sermanni cross.

Then in the 22nd minute, when City striker Joe Mullen touched the ball home to goalkeeper Anthony Franken's right after midfielder Steve Maxwell cut the ball back from the touchline.

What was to prove the decider arrived out of nowhere in the 33rd minute when big Tony Redmond poked the ball in after confusion in the goal-mouth following a corner.

With three minutes to go to half-time, City midfielder, Sergio Melta, blew a great chance to equalise when he was sent away down the middle but hit the ball straight at Franken.

Melta gave the home fans hope again in the 63rd

minute when he broke on the right and with only Franken to beat hit the side netting.

And then it was Peter Rankin who sinned, failing to hit the ball wide enough to beat the goalkeeper who went down and turned the shot for a corner in the 38th minute of the second half.

At the other end of the field Farina saw one of his shots hit the bottom of goalkeeper Willie McNally's post.

Canberra looked the more systematic team, with Peter Burke and Redmond solid in the middle of the defence and Roy Jones unbeatable at left-back.

Striker Marko Perinovic and his fellow front runners Farina and Alan Reis caused the City back-four all sorts of trouble.

**ADCITY:** McNally; Cere, Shilabeer (Alberton 75), Flounders, Nyskohus, Melta, Maxwell, Mullen, Gatenby, Rankin, De Vito.

**CANBERRA:** Franken, Mihailidis, Redmond, Burke, Jones, Reis (Phillips 62), Farina, Brockbank, Bryant (Hogg 80), Perinovic, Sermanni.

**REFEREE:** D. Campbell. **CROWD:** 1,256.

## GLOOMY SUNSHINE!

BY HARRY HALL

**Sunshine George Cross secured their seemingly permanent berth at the foot of the table, following their defeat by Footscray at home, 0-2.**

The accumulating problems of the newly promoted club have halted their momentary recovery and it seems they have exhausted every opportunity to disentangle themselves from the bottom of the table.

Sunday's blow was administered by Jamie Paton, who scored both goals for Footscray.

Paton exploited the space given to him by the opposing defence and hammered the ball into the net twice... the first time in 58 minutes when he shot the ball into the net from a Reigoza cross.

The second time Paton converted a cross by Lujic.

Sunshine came close to scoring once when McGorian hit the post with a powerful try.

Their defeat caused of reaction from the George Cross supporters some of which demanded after the game that immediate measures be taken to improve the performances of the team.

During the week, George Cross transfer listed forward Carl Gilder and midfielder John Stevenson.

**SUNSHINE GC:** Costello, Campbell, Taylor, O'Reilly, Richardson, Bain, Bennett, Jovanovic, McGorian (Pate), Lapis, Cabrera.

**FOOTSCRAY:** Boland, Kyriakoulas, Hazabent, Pansey, Reigoza, McDowell, O'Donnell (S.Tojevsji 12), Curovic, Paton, Belic, Lujic.

**REFEREE:** D. Voutsinas.



**Leichhardt striker Kerry Caban is overshadowed by Sydney Croatia stopper Bruno Vidale**

## SAINTS IN TROUBLE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

**NSL NEWCOMERS Penrith City collected a valuable point, drawing 1-1 against a disappointing St George at St George Stadium.**

St George looked jaded in forward build-ups. With the loss of defenders David Skeen and Robert O'Shea through injury, they miss valuable back-up in attack. Mark Barton, who always looks threatening pushing forward, had to play a more subdued role in defence.

St George coach Frank Arok was disappointed with the result but gave full credit to Penrith.

"We are in the strange situation where we can't win. We are definitely in some kind of trouble."

"Unfortunately we don't have any overlapping full-backs who can provide us with extra service for our forwards," Arok said.

St George opened the scoring in the 38th minute. Dez Marton received the ball from the left, passed to Peter Petkovski and he confidently drove the ball low into goal.

St George could have sealed the issue in the 59th minute. Marton made a surging 40 metre run towards goal but instead of shooting when he was free, or passing to unmarked team-mate Robbie Slater, he hesitated and his attempt was blocked.

Penrith dominated the remainder of the game.

They looked threatening and in the 72nd minute, came close to scoring when a shot from Roy Cotton beat Saints keeper Terry Greedy but not the post.

The visitors earned their well deserved point in the 73rd minute.

A free-kick was awarded 20 metres from goal. Ainsworth passed the ball to Ian Wotherspoon and his shot deflected off the wall and past the unsighted Greedy.

**ST GEORGE:** Greedy, Ricoy, Koczka, Barton

(Batten 85), Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea Slater (Pappas 85), Stone, Petkovski, J. O'Shea, Marton.

**PENRITH CITY:** Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Daley,

McIntosh, Fitzharris, Hunter (Hale 60), Nix, Cotton, Ainsworth, Wotherspoon.

**REFEREE:** A. Owens. **CROWD:** 1,057.

## TONY'S GOALS ENOUGH TO SINK CITY

BY BRAD EARL

**LEICHHARDT-APIA, undefeated since the second round of the NSL, continued their fine run with a 2-1 win over Sydney City at St George Stadium.**

They played good attractive football, and Sydney City, weakened by the absence of injured Socceroo defenders Jim Cant and Steve O'Connor, could offer little.

"We didn't play well, and we couldn't keep possession," Slickers coach Eddie Thomson said.

Leichhardt's two goals were scored by Tony Morsello within the first half-hour, and exposed defensive weaknesses.

The first came when John Bradley sent in a low cross from the right and Morsello ran through unopposed to hook the ball past keeper Tony Pezzano.

The second followed two wide shots from Kerry Caban and Bradley which had the Slickers defence in disarray.

Morsello made a run from 20 metres, beating defenders Keith Falconer and Gerry Gomez before chipping Pezzano.

The Leichhardt players were stroking the ball

around confidently in the second half.

Their best players were the two diminutive men — Terry Butler, who dominated the middle of the park, and Bradley on the right side of the forward-line.

The introduction of young players Graham Fletcher and John-Paul De Marigny to the forward-line provided a bit more enthusiasm for the Slickers, and they grabbed a goal back with 16 minutes remaining when a soft Willie Murray backheader went in off the post.

**LEICHHARDT:** Parkes; Bottalico, Brown, Bertogna, Pullen; Gray, Butler, Tredinnick; Bradley, Caban (De Ceglie 73), Morsello.

**SYDNEY CITY:** Pezzano; Falconer, Lynch, Robertson, Gomez; Watson, Barnes, Kay; Murray, Kosmina (Fletcher 61), Lee (De Marigny 69).

**REFEREE:** D. Rennie. **CROWD:** 1,547.





Melbourne Croatia's caretaker coach Tommy Cumming (centre)

## KEEN JANKOVICS STRIKES BACK

BY BRAD EARL

**THE switch of Mark Jankovics back to his familiar striking role was the key to Marconi's 4-0 victory over Wollongong at Marconi Stadium.**

Jankovics, now a midfielder and captain in place of suspended Tony Henderson, was pushed forward by coach Les Scheinflug after half-time, with the game scoreless and his enthusiasm and experience guided the young Marconi players.

Marconi went to the lead one minute into the second period, with Craig Mason passing the ball into the path of an unmarked David Lowe in the left side of the penalty area, and he shot well to score.

The second goal came in

the 68th minute, with Rod Brown heading the ball on, again into the left side of the box, and this time Tommy McCulloch rifled home a blistering left foot drive.

Three minutes later, Lowe's cross from the left wing set Jankovics up for a header six metres out, but he unselfishly turned his back to goal and chested the ball down for Brown to hit home.

Jankovics looked like getting his name on the scoresheet with a close-range header, but Wolves keeper Natch Vardareff superbly tipped the ball over the bar.

Scheinflug sent on 16-year-old Martin Driene for the last six minutes, and he played a good ball into the path of Lowe in the 90th minute, and Lowe's cross into the goalmouth was headed in by Brown for No 4.

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston said his team played very well in the first half, having two clearcut chances to go ahead.

But it was a case of Marconi having too much class and persistence.

**MARCONI:** James; Carter, Spanos, Mariani, Calderam; Jankovics, Mason (Driene 84), McCulloch; Lowe, Brown, Licata (Carbone 45).

**WOLLONGONG:** Vardareff; Green, Fleming, Willis, Vlietstra; Bundalo (Kerr 74), Gaffney, Condron (Hristovski 74); Kotamanidis, Beggs, Fontana.

**REFEREE:** K. Small. **CROWD:** 1,386.

## PRESTON SO UNHAPPY!

BY DAVID BECK

**VICTORIAN referee Bernie Upjohn became the subject of electrified discussions at Connor Reserve, after Preston shared the points with Green Gully in a 1-1 draw.**

Mr Upjohn disallowed two Preston goal attempts, one of which caused a tremendous uproar from the 4,500-strong crowd.

Ian Dobson had beaten Lou Denys with a header that appeared to have crossed the line. Mr Upjohn however waved play on.

Then he pointed to the centre-line and the players reformed for the kick-off. However, the referee changed his mind again, and disallowed the goal.

Later, Upjohn disallowed yet another "goal" by Preston's Robert Dunn.

Les Carter shot Green Gully into the lead in the 42nd minute, and a surprise win by Green Gully seemed certain at the time.

Preston could not capitalise on the glut of scoring opportunities they created.

Their agony lasted until three minutes from the end when Paul Wade turned the ball into his own net in his effort to clear a Graham Heys shot.

Preston had every reason to feel bitter after the game for they were forced to share the points with lowly-placed Green Gully in a game they dominated throughout.

**PRESTON:** Potter, Balevski, Petrovski, Dobson, McMillan, Odzakov, Ilioski, Dunn, Campbell, Cole, Heys.

**GREEN GULLY:** Denys, Beranic, Hogben, Cannell, Williams, Mancinelli (P. Lewis 76), Wade, Smart (Smallman 68), Vassallo, McGuinness, Carter.

**REFEREE:** B. Upjohn. **CROWD:** 4,500.

# TERRY CAN'T BE BLAMED

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

**MELBOURNE CROATIA crashed 0-2 to South Melbourne at Olympic Park indicating that ex-coach Terry Hennessy was not the cause of the problems the team is facing in its first year in the NSL.**

## SYDNEY CITY BOUNCE BACK

BY MARK BRIGDEN

**SYDNEY CITY bounced back from the up-set midweek loss to Leichhardt to overpower Brisbane Lions 2 - 0 at Richlands, but the match proved more disastrous than the loss of two points for Lions.**

Import keeper, Wayne Evans, was taken off with a broken finger in the 17th minute.

Lions reserve striker, Calvin Daunt, was thrown into the breach and while he could not be blamed directly for either of the Sydney City goals, the visitors made the most of Lions' misfortune and netted their two goals within 12 minutes of Evans' injury.

The first came when Gerry Gomez, filling in for the injured Steve O'Connor, was allowed a free-header from a Joe Watson corner in the 27th minute.

Grant Lee netted Sydney's second two minutes later, when his volley was deflected off Alan Hunter into the net.

Lions' best scoring opportunity in the first half came in the 16th minute when the in-form Ray Junna put a shot on to the upright from close range after good lead-up work from Joe Cairney.

After the break Lions switched to a 4-2-4 formation in an attempt to fight their way back into the match.

Young Soccerroo Russell Stewart was pushed into the attack and pressurised Australian squad member, Tony Pezzano with determined challenges and high crosses.

Referee Dave Nugent handed out four yellow cards in a display which drew criticism from Lions' Harry Noon and Sydney City's Eddie Thomson.

**BRISBANE LIONS:** Evans (Daunt 17), Jackson, Hunter, Vasquez, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Junna, Cairney, Wright.

**SYDNEY CITY:** Pezzano, Cant, Robertson, Gomez, De Marigny, Kay, Watson, Barnes, Fletcher (Falconer 73), Lee (Bottalico 80), Murray.

**REFEREE:** D. Nugent. **CROWD:** 500.

Hennessy resigned last Friday extremely disillusioned by the poor response of his players and the inability of the club to satisfy some of his demands.

Team manager, Frank Burin, stated after Sunday's match that "Terry's departure was an amicable one," and indicated that Hennessy may fly out of Australia soon to resume coaching duties in the USA from where Croatia lured him.

Former international Tommy Cumming functioned as a caretaker coach, since the diminutive striker was unavailable for selection due to a shoulder injury.

Cumming would have wished the position would never have become vacant for Croatia failed miserably in their attempt to face Souths on equal terms.

South Melbourne completely dominated the game and created numerous scoring opportunities in both halves.

Doug Brown netted two goals, one in each half, to break five week's of silence by his injury-riddled side.

Brown's first goal right on half-time, compensated the 4,500 supporters for a

poor exhibition of midfield ping-pong by both sides.

Brown scored a tremendous opportunist goal from inside the area after Davidson had failed twice to drive the ball through a wall of defenders.

But his second goal was full of class. Chris Kalafitidis dashed forward with the ball then squared it to Kenny Murphy who floated the ball to Brown who beat two defenders on the run and blasted into the net from 35 metres.

Croatia had a scoring chance in each half but they failed to beat Gary Clayton who made his debut with South Melbourne, following his mid-week transfer from Brunswick Juventus.

**MELBOURNE CROATIA:** Blasby; Curcio, Parton, Adams, Hannah, Antolovic, Faulkner, Biskic (Markovac 82) Gojevic, Brogan, Lewis.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE:** Clayton; Russell, Davidson, Blair, Kalafitidis, Halford, Yzendoorn, Kanesoulis, Egan, Brown, Murphy.

**REFEREE:** C. Bambridge.

**CROWD:** 4,500.

## KEN FIT TO SCORE

BY GREG RUSSELL

**PARRAMATTA MELITA's Kenny Wilson faced a pre-match fitness test before emerging the Man Of The Match in his team's fighting 1 - 0 win over Brisbane City at Spencer Park.**

Wilson had been troubled by a thigh muscle injury and had to prove his fitness to coach, Raul Blanco, before being included in the team.

He passed the test with flying colours and showed no trouble as he superbly marshalled Melita to victory.

It was Wilson's devastating run down the centre of the pitch in the 16th minute that eventually brought the goal. Wilson had his attempt deflected for a corner and then stayed inside the penalty box for the kick. The ball was knocked to the far post where Wilson looped a header over Kim Wishart who was poorly positioned.

Once Melita hit the lead, the team funnelled back and consolidated their defence. The system totally frustrated Brisbane City who now have not won at Spencer Park for 12 consecutive matches.

City were allowed to have so much ball but Melita tackled doggedly once the home team ventured into attack.

In the end City looked frustrated and devoid of ideas.

The closest the home team came to equalising was when they attempted to by-pass the Melita blanket defence with long-range shots from Fabrizio and Hamilton.

Referee Gordon Nicholson, who two weeks ago handed out five yellow cards at Richlands, cautioned three Melita players, Col McAusland, John Davies and Rob McGinn.

**BRISBANE CITY:** Wishart; Fabrizio, Liddell, Milovanovic, Bromfield, Swan (Scriggins 81), Pimblett, Hamilton, Glockner, Mountford, Mengotti.



KENNY WILSON (white shirt)

**MELITA:** McPherson, McAusland, McGinn, Wilson, Tredinnick, Davies, Farrugia, Griffiths, Jamieson, Duarte, Andricopoulos 70), Johnston.

**REFEREE:** G. Nicholson. **Crowd:** 1,000.



# ASF SHOULD BE SMILING

BY TOM ANDERSON

**THE fortunes of the Australian Soccer Federation soared sky-high last week with two major breakthroughs on the national front.**

The first came with the magnificent performance in Brisbane by the "Shadow Soccerroo" team that represented NSW against Queensland in the interstate representative match at Perry Park.

National and NSW coach Frank Arok had his boys in tip-top shape for this game and they rose to the occasion.

This NSW outfit produced an exciting brand of football that augurs well for the big games ahead against Manchester United, Juventus, Glasgow Rangers, Nottingham Forest and Iraklis.

It also showed that the foundations have already been laid in the Soccerroo setup for the qualifying World Cup games next year.

Another aspect of the NSW v Queensland clash that must be brought to notice was the excellent

administration and organisation of the event by the Queensland Soccer Federation.

Queensland President Ian Brusasco and secretary Alan Vessey must be warmly congratulated on their sterling efforts.

Big games in Brisbane in coming months are certainly in good hands and there will be no organisation worries in the sunshine State.

The ASF's second boost came with the announcement of the format for the 16 teams to contest the World Youth Cup Finals in Chile next year.

For the first time — except when Australia was the host nation in 1981 — our Young Soccerroos will not have to trip around the world in their attempts to qualify for the finals.

This is marvellous news and it is now obvious that all the hard lobbying done by ASF president Sir Arthur George within FIFA has paid off.

Sir Arthur is an honorary member of the FIFA

executive and a member of the World Youth Cup organising committee.

The format for the finals was announced in Santiago, Chile by FIFA president Joao Havelange and will be as follows:-

Sixteen nations will qualify for the finals — six from Europe, three from South America, including host nation Chile, two each from the Caribbean, Africa and Asia and one from Oceania.

And, with the Oceania qualifying tournament to be held here in December, our youngsters will not need to leave these shores to qualify.

This is certainly magnificent news for the ASF, the Young Soccerroos and coach Jim Shoulder.

It all adds up to a very happy week for Australian Soccer at national level.

And while Australia's international stocks were booming our World Cup opponents, Israel and New Zealand, were having mixed fortunes.

The Israelis were celebrating after their fine win



RICKY HERBERT (below): his goal was the only bright spot for New Zealand in Singapore

over the Republic of Ireland in Tel Aviv.

Their 3-0 win over an Irish team that included Liam Brady now starring in Italy with Sampdoria, Liverpool's Mark Lawrenson, Ronnie Whelan and Mike Robinson and David O'Leary of Arsenal, Frank Stapleton and Steve Moran of Manchester United and Tony Galvin of Spurs was certainly some result.

Obviously the Israelis are a highly talented outfit.

Israel has been boosted by the fact that Liverpool will spend a week there preparing for their European Cup final clash against Roma on May 30.

During their stay in the Holy Land, Liverpool will play one match against the Israel national team.

But while Israel was in a

jubilant mood it was quite the opposite for New Zealand, who had a disaster to end all disasters when they failed miserably in the Olympic qualifying series in Singapore.

The Kiwis never won a game and in fact scored only one goal — that coming from former Sydney Olympic defender Ricky Herbert.

## Failure

The outcome of the series indeed was a dismal failure for the Kiwis and their coach Allan Jones.

Jones as usual, had plenty to say about it in the after-series inquest and came out with some enthralling statements that must have sent a shiver down the spines of the New Zealand FA.

The extrovert coach is reported to have declared that to be competitive and to have a chance to qualify for the 1986 World Cup Finals in Mexico the NZFA must raise between three and four million dollars.

I can imagine the look on NZFA chairman Charlie Dempsey's face when he heard that statement.

Jones also said he needed all the country's top players available at all times and enough time to mould them into a competitive unit.

So by all reports it seems as if everything in the New Zealand garden at the present time is far from rosy!

In fact, the Kiwis have numerous major problems that could bring one or two major surprises from over the Tasman in the weeks ahead!

So taking everything into consideration, it's been a very good week for Australia on the international front and the forerunner for more to come.

Later this month, Sir Arthur George and ASF executive director Brian Emery take off for Zurich to attend the FIFA Congress.

During this Congress a number of issues will be discussed that certainly will be to the benefit of Australian Soccer.

More about that later.

## THEY WILL TEST SOCCEROOS

### Top Israeli Soccer Struggling for Firmer Foothold

Reuters

TEL AVIV — Three years ago, Israeli soccer international Avi Cohen played in front of 50,000 spectators for English champion Liverpool.

Today he displays his skills for a local team, Maccabi Tel Aviv, before crowds of 2,000 or 3,000 on playing surfaces described by the Israeli Football Association as "beneath criticism." Some stadiums lack proper dressing rooms, leaving Cohen and his teammates to strip for action in the team bus.

Israeli stars dream of following Cohen's footsteps by joining a big European club, but few get the opportunity. Still fewer succeed.

"Our standard is far below that of Europe because our soccer is cut off from the rest of the world," said Haim Haberfeld, secretary of the Israeli FA.

Israel resigned from the Asian Confederation in 1977 after being expelled earlier, when many Asian countries refused to play it, and has been trying to enter Europe — so far without success. "We need 75 per cent of the votes to enter Europe but the Eastern bloc is against us so our chances don't look too bright in the immediate future," Haberfeld said.

Israeli basketball teams have always competed in Europe, Maccabi Tel Aviv twice winning the European Cup. But most Israelis remain indifferent to basketball and reserve their passion for soccer, closely following the English and West German leagues.

Even a recent friendly between parliament members of the ruling Likud and opposition Labor Parties drew several thousand spectators to see the country's leaders display their on-field abilities.

"Getting into Europe would give

our soccer enormous impetus," said Haberfeld. "If we had the likes of Liverpool and Juventus coming to play here, we would have to improve our standards and facilities. Our players would have to compete against real professionals."

Only 25,000 to 30,000 spectators attend the eight First Division matches on an average weekend, and although two attractive matches at Tel Aviv's Bloomfield Stadium recently attracted a capacity crowd of 22,000, a mere 300 spectators were watching another First Division clash nearby.

Despite that, top players command salaries of up to \$50,000 — a huge amount by Israeli standards.

Israel has performed well in international competition in the past. It reached the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico, where it drew with Uruguay and beaten finalists Italy. In the last World Cup, Israel drew against Sweden and Northern Ireland and thrashed European championship finalist Portugal, 4-1.

For 1986, Israel has been placed in a preliminary group with Australia, New Zealand and Taiwan. "That's what happens when you don't belong to any geographical grouping," said Haberfeld.

Soccer is financed largely by the Toto, Israel's equivalent of the soccer pools. The government devotes only 0.03 per cent of the national budget of \$22 billion to sports.

The sporting scene is dominated by three clubs — Hapoel, Maccabi, and Betar, each of which is linked to a political party. In Jerusalem, supporters of the rightist Herut Party are fervent fans of the local Betar club; opposition Labor sympathizers tend to favor Hapoel and Maccabi is linked to the Likud's liberal wing.

But some religious parties in the coalition government are hostile to sport on the ground that it distracts attention from the study of holy books. In Jerusalem, Betar and Hapoel share a cramped stadium, and plans to build a proper sports complex have foundered because of the opposition of ultra-orthodox groups.

Yet Israeli soccer is gradually becoming more professional, according to Haberfeld. Most of the players in the 16 First Division clubs are full-timers, although the Second Division is a mixture of professional and part-time personnel. The 32 teams that comprise the lower two divisions of the league are amateurs.



AVI COHEN: former Liverpool player, now back in Israel

## MEMORIES...

BY DAVID JACK

**ONE of the greatest disappointments in Australia's World Cup history was caused by Israel.**

It happened at the Sydney Sports Ground in December 1969.

An ill-prepared Australian squad had survived the first Cup qualifying hurdle in Seoul where magnificent wins against Japan and South Korea brought joy to the hearts of all Australians.

Then came the next round, two matches against Rhodesia in Mozambique. Again the Australian team was successful and, enduring incredibly exhausting travel through Africa and Europe, the Soccerroos finally arrived in Tel Aviv to face a powerful Israel, captained by the most talented player in Asia, Mordechai Spiegler.

Israel won 1-0. It was not a convincing margin to take into the second leg in Sydney but, in the event, it proved enough to take Israel to Mexico.

The result in Sydney, disappointing a Sports Ground audience packed to the roof was 1-1.

Spiegler scored the Israelis' so-important goal after a tragic miskick by George Keith.

We all left the Sports Ground on the verge of tears.



# CHIT HAT



**WOLLONGONG CITY** coach Adrian Alston received a heckling from his players after the recent trial match against Wollongong Macedonia.

City played the game because they had a free weekend after Easter and lost 1-2 after fielding their youth team.

Alston went on as a replacement with seven minutes to go and could have showed the boys "how it was done."

Left unmarked in front of the goal, he couldn't believe his luck and blasted the ball high over the bar.

"It took a bad bounce," he told the younger players in the dressing room later.

"Anyway, you're not supposed to do as I do — do as I say."

**VETERAN** West Adelaide sweeper Neil McGachey was made to work harder than usual by his teenage team-mates the other week.

With West taking George Cross apart, McGachey repeatedly sallied forth down the left wing to act as a decoy, so other players could switch the ball to the right.

Instead, they sent the ball ahead of McGachey, never known for his speed, but certainly a stamina man.

And he needed it all. Before the youngsters woke up to his plan, he had to make three valiant "dashes" down the touchline in vain efforts to reach the ball.

**QUEENSLAND** midfielder Frank Pimblett has won back the Brisbane City captaincy.

City coach Joe Gilroy gave Pimblett the nod prior to the recent clash with St George. The necessity to appoint a new captain came after a major team reshuffle two weeks ago that saw early season captain Billy Wilkinson relegated to the sidelines.

Young striker Gary Bromfield has been preferred at left-back, and with Wilkinson now 33, it appears his NSL days are numbered.

Pimblett had been captain of Brisbane City for several years until last season when coach Jim Hermiston relieved him of the position after a loss of form.

The captaincy was given to big Scottish defender Frank Liddell, but Gilroy opted for the experienced Wilkinson as captain when he took over the coaching reins this season.

Winning back the captaincy is another well-earned achievement in Pimblett's comeback this season.

**VICTORIAN** director of coaching Tim White has been appointed by FIFA to take charge of a two-week coaching course in Papua-New Guinea, commencing at the end of May.

**LEFT-BACK** Tony Rasmussen has made a quick return to top form in the National League after a serious knee injury.

Rasmussen, 23, first appeared in the NSL in 1980 with Blacktown City.

Now he is back in the first team, he has given the Blacktown defence greater confidence with his tough tackling.

Rasmussen is also a good overlapping player, always looking to push forward.

**FORMER** Soccerroo full-back Bobby Hogg is making a comeback.

Now settled in South Australia, he joined the Elizabeth State club as assistant coach to the reserve team, but at 37 is back in full training.

**PARRAMATTA** Melita have surprised many clubs this season.

Written off as the "reject" club at the beginning of the season, the Eagles are now way up with the pace-setters at the top of the table.

What's even more surprising is they haven't been spending large amounts of money on the transfer market.

Their only major signings were Howard Tredinnick, from Newcastle KB, and Kenny Wilson, from St George.



## HIGH HOPES FOR MIKE

**BRISBANE CITY** has big expectations from former Canberra and Blacktown City player, Mike Milovanovic (pictured).

Milovanovic has been living in Queensland for more than 12 months, after a work transfer to Mackay in Central Queensland.

He moved to Brisbane this year, and the former Australian Youth team defender was snapped up by City.

His combination in central defence with the experienced Frank Liddell should strengthen the City backline.

## G'DAY, MATE!



**ALEC JAMIESON** and Micky Cross were best of friends in their days together at Sydney Olympic and Melita Eagles.

This year, Cross moved to Penrith City, and in the Panthers' recent game against the Eagles, he found himself marking Jamieson.

Naturally enough, there was no friendship out on the park, and in this picture Cross (dark shirt) climbs above Jamieson to head clear.

**GUESS** who's coaching the Hussian Amman club in Jordan?

It's Scotsman George Blues, remembered so well in Australia as a talented APLA winger several years back.

**SEVERAL** old Sydney Soccer personalities turned up at Perry Park, Brisbane, for the Queensland v NSW match.

David Childs, former Sydney City secretary, was there. So was Wally Tamandl, one of the former brilliant Prague players.

And Horrie Clark, a splendid goalkeeper for Pan Hellenic in the 1960s and '70s, was there, asking us to send his best wishes to old Sydney friends.

Horrie is convinced Soccer standards have slumped. He was not at all happy about the entertainment value of the interstate match.

Said Horrie: "I retired from playing — in first division — only last year, and I'm 44. It doesn't say much for the young ones coming along."

Incidentally, former Sydney Olympic player and coach Bruce Stowell is doing an excellent job as full-time director of coaching in Queensland.

Pity he doesn't have much talent to work with in the State side.

**BEFORE** the Queensland v NSW match in Brisbane, national coach Frank Arok had to put up with plenty of criticism from Queenslanders who were angry about his rejection of their players for Soccerroo squads.

After the interstate match, there wasn't a whimper.

The evidence was there — at Perry Park. There is hardly a player in the sunshine State worthy of Australian selection.

**ADELAIDE CITY** may just have unearthed a star in its reserve team which plays in the SA State League first division.

A 16 year-old striker, he was brought out of the first division team's reserve team by coach Mario Corti and turned in a blinder in the 2-2 draw with Para Hills.

Watch for the name — Agi Lattanzio.

**YOUNG** Blacktown City midfielder Brett Thornthwaite has been a star performer for his school, Endeavour High, in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

In a recent game against Heathcote High School, Thornthwaite scored an incredible seven goals!

**THERE** have been few complaints about referees in the South Australian leagues so far this season.

FIFA whistler Donald Campbell has an interesting theory about this.

He reckons club coaches are taking a different view of the men in black, and instructing their players to play it cool.

Thus the referees' task has become easier, which gives the fans little to complain about.

Pity this doesn't happen with some NSL clubs.

**TRYING** to explain a dreadfully small crowd at a recent Penrith home game, a club official said: "There were two very big Anzac Day marches here on the same day."

He was told: "You should have steered the marchers to Cook Park!"

**GRAHAM JENNINGS** will be just about the first player picked for Australia's next match — against Manchester United at the Sydney Cricket Ground on May 26.

Jennings delighted national coach Frank Arok with his super form for NSW against Queensland.

Now all Arok wants in defence is quick recovery from injury by David Skeen to fill the right-back spot.

If you're good enough, you're old enough.

That's an old Soccer saying and it certainly applies to Joe Watson of Sydney City.

Joe, who is in his 30s (how far in he won't say), is playing the best football of his career.

Watson's performance against South Melbourne was rated by Sydney City boss Eddie Thomson "the best midfield performance I've seen in the NSL for years."

But will Joe Watson be able to keep up this form during the next couple of years in the hectic World Cup eliminations?

National coach Frank Arok is keeping his fingers crossed.

**BRISBANE LIONS** are likely to finalise the transfer of former Queensland squad goalkeeper Robbie Farrow.

Farrow, who previously played with premier league club Acacia Ridge, has been at Lions since the beginning of the season, but his permanent move was thwarted by an \$8,000 transfer tag.

That fee was reduced to a maximum of \$4,000 by the QSF management committee.

Lions and Acacia Ridge entered new negotiations and a deal, which could involve Michael Gerritsen returning to Mortimer Road, is expected to be finalised soon.



BRISBANE CITY'S Gary Bromfield certainly had a happy 24th birthday recently.

His birthday coincided with City's clash against NSL champions St George. Not only did Bromfield play well in his new position as left-back, he also scored, won the eye of national coach Frank Arok, then finished ahead after a dabble on the pokies later in the day.

City coach Joe Gilroy rated Bromfield's showing in the match as "the best attacking full-back performance I have seen in a long, long while."

**MARCONI'S 7-1 whitewashing of Penrith brought back memories for two people.**

One was Marconi coach Les Scheinflug, who remembered the club's 9-1 win over rookies Blacktown City at the start of the 1980 season.

On the receiving end that time was Marconi's former Demons goalkeeper Bruce James.

James didn't need to be reminded that Blacktown destroyed Marconi 5-1 in the second round that year!

**JIM ZIRAS**, rated by Tommy Docherty as the best centre-back in Australia a couple of seasons ago, is still hindered by a nagging hamstring injury.

Ziras, who was transferred from Sydney Olympic to Leichhardt this season, looks like being out of action for the next three or four weeks.

Last year he spent most of the season on the sidelines with a recurring left hamstring injury.

"If I was a horse they would have shot me," Ziras quipped.

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In a recent game against Heathcote High School, Thornthwaite scored an incredible seven goals!

ASW hears that a coach of one NSL club receives tactical advice from a former national coach.

It must be working — the team has made a good start to the season.

**THE** points Newcastle collected as KB United are in dispute.

KB were second in the Australian Conference when the club folded, and since the Adamstown Rosebuds club replaced them, Newcastle's name has been swiftly sinking to the lower reaches of the table.

The question which has yet to be answered is whether the new franchise has the right to assume Newcastle KB United's points.

"If a club was leading with two rounds to go and then folded, would a new club assume their points and win the championship?" is an interesting poser.

**DAVE MCQUIRE**, formerly South Coast and Leichhardt goalkeeper, is one of the livewire administrators in Newcastle Soccer.

His recent success has been the work put in as secretary of Lake Macquarie club. Sponsorship has been his speciality, and this factor enabled the Lake to bring Mike Trebilcock to the club as coach.

**QUEENSLAND** coach Bruce Stowell wants to form a State train-on squad after the 0-2 loss to NSW at Perry Park.

Although loathe to make excuses for the loss, Stowell admitted Queensland's limited preparation was a major factor in the defeat.

Stowell wants to begin preparing for next year's clash.

While Frank Arok's NSW side only trained together a few times before the match, Stowell pointed out the Blues team was the nucleus of the Australian side that played together against England last year.

**CANBERRA ARROWS' Youth League** team came to Sydney to play Sydney City on Sunday with an all-blue strip. It so happens that the Slickers home strip is blue with black shorts.

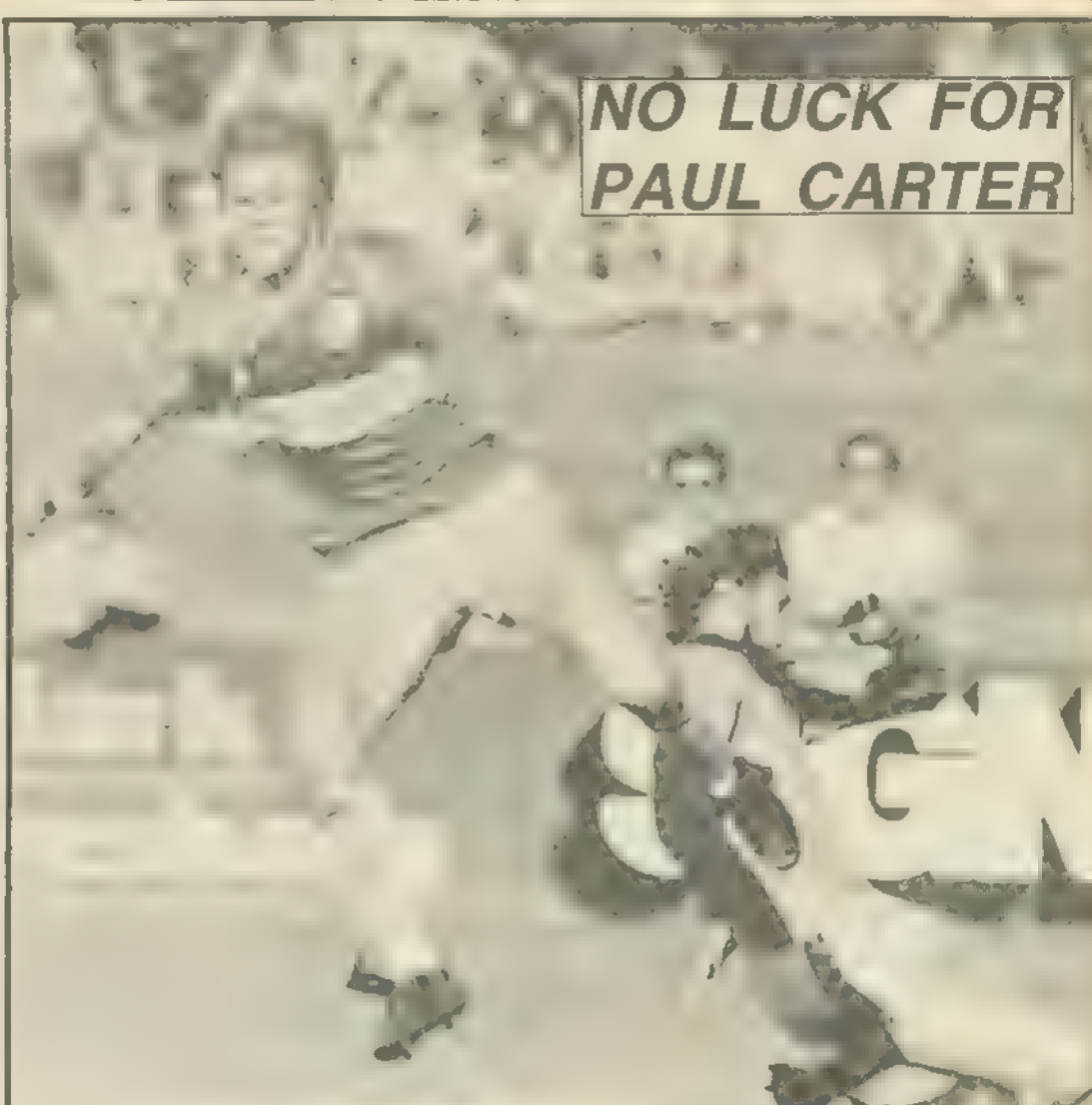
The referee permitted the game to commence, but sanity finally prevailed at half-time when Sydney City changed into their alternate strip.

This followed last Wednesday's NSL match between Leichhardt and Sydney City, where the Leichhardt keeper came out in a yellow jumper... with the Slickers in their yellow strip.

**JOE RIZZOTTO**, Marconi's young and aggressive defender, must be perilously close to losing his spot in the Australian squad for the coming international series.

Rizzotto was sent off twice in three games. One of his team-mates gave an unusual reason for his dismissals.

"Joe just loses his cool too easily on the field. It's just that he times his tackles a bit too late," he said.



## NO LUCK FOR PAUL CARTER

**MARCONI** right-back Paul Carter (pictured) must be one of the unluckiest footballers in Australia. Playing for Leichhardt last season, he looked a certainty to tour Singapore with the Socceroos. National coach at the time, Les Scheinflug, stated that if he had room for another player Carter would have gone. This year he transferred to Marconi, and was selected in the NSW squad to play Queensland. With first choice right-back David Skeen being seriously injured in a motor bike accident two weeks before the game, Carter looked a good chance to take his position. This was not to be. Sydney City's Jimmy Cant received a late call-up and had a strong game against the Queenslanders.

**ONE** of the most surprising things about the collapse of Newcastle KB United was the refusal of Rosebuds to take on KB coach Ken Kaiser. Kaiser, more than any player, would have been an asset to the new NSL side.

But Ken said: "I did not have any approach from Rosebuds. Soccer tends to be cruel — you're on top one minute and down the next."

**CHANNEL 0-28** has cracked another super attraction for Soccer folk.

Live from Basle on Thursday May 17, the "Soccer Channel" will screen the final of the European Cup Winners Cup.

It'll kick off at 4.10 am (AEST)

As a follow-up, the final of the European Cup will also be beamed live to Australia on Thursday May 31 at 4 am on 0-28.

**SYDNEY City boss Eddie Thomson** is unhappy about seeing his team now tipped to win the 1984 NSL.

"We're not favourites for the title — not yet, anyway," said Eddie.

"There is a long way to go and we still haven't played the very good sides," he added.

**WITH** a tiny bit of luck, Adelaide City's Charlie Villani could be back fully fit next weekend.

The powerful attacking midfielder has been mused since having a toe broken in a training match six weeks ago.

He has had the plaster off for three weeks and has kept up his gym work but has not been able to run freely.

## HARRIS OFFER



**FORMER St George and Socceroo full-back, George Harris**, was at a recent Saints match with broken leg victim, Robbie O'Shea.

Said George: "Robbie's in plaster and so is David Skeen. I think I'll ask Frank Arok if I can get a game!"

George looked fit enough to play, too.

## TERRY WANTS NSL PLACE

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC** striker Terry Petalis must be wondering what he has to do to climb back into the first grade side this year.

During the pre-season tournament and the Ampol Cup, Petalis was a regular in the first XI and played in the first two games of the NSL.

Since the third round, he has been playing with the youth side and is itching to get back into the first grade.

**PETALIS** (white shirt) takes on South Melbourne's Alan Davidson





# IT'S A HOME AWAY FROM HOME!

BY DAVID JACK

**SYDNEY CITY SLICKERS**, the club which, rightly, complains about never having any home games will play two in the next few days.

But one of them is away!

At St George Stadium tomorrow (Wednesday) night, Slickers take on the wilting Rosebuds from Newcastle and should have no difficulty picking up two points.

Then, on the following Sunday, Slickers pay a rare visit to their own home ground, playing Marconi at the Athletic Field.

These are vitally important matches for Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson, who was most unhappy about the way his players performed last week when beaten 2 - 1 by Leichhardt.

"Our defence was diabolical. I hate giving away soft goals," said the angry boss of Sydney City.

But it should be remembered that Leichhardt were in super form on the night, controlling just about everything that went on and oozing confidence which was never matched by the beaten Slickers.

It is a rare happening for Sydney City to suffer defeat, particularly clear-

cut defeat

Be sure Thomson's players will be flat out to collect four precious points in the next few days

Newcastle have gone through the horrors since the former KB club folded up and it would be the shock result of the year if the Rosebuds took anything home from their match at St George tomorrow night.

A comfortable victory for Slickers should please their small but loyal bunch of followers.

The Marconi assignment looks more difficult

Despite their dreadful start to the season, Marconi have many top class players, most of them already seasoned internationals at youth level.

Boys like Rod Brown, Tom McCulloch, David Lowe and Joe Rizzotto proved in Mexico last year that they can match some of the greatest young players in the world

One thing is certain . . . win, lose or draw, Marconi should be able to turn on a real crowd-pleasing match against Sydney City next Sunday.



# PEZZANO LUCA

**TONY PEZZANO**, goalkeepers.

The Sydney City goalkeeper has been playing NSL football since his inception in 1977.

A product of the Canterbury district, Pezzano has experienced the highs and lows during his senior soccer career.

Now he has been rewarded for consistent performances with the Slickers with selection in the Australian squad to play in the coming international series

## Ecstatic

Born in Australia of Italian background, Pezzano was obviously ecstatic to reach the highest pinnacle in Australian Soccer.

"I think it's the luckiest break I've ever had," said. "Kim Wishart and Bruce James are two goalkeepers who missed out."

"When I look back, I realise that I have worked hard over the last few years to get this far."

"In the first few seasons at Sydney City I was forever in and out of the first grade team. I think a lot of other young keep-

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# PEZZANO GETS BIG BREAK

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

23, is one of Australia's youngest and yet more experienced



would have given up hope," Pezzano added.

Pezzano moved quickly up the Soccer ladder early in his playing career.

He represented the Canterbury district in 1974 and the following two years played second and third grade for Canterbury-Marrickville in State League.

Pezzano enjoyed playing at Canterbury, and indeed may have stayed longer at the club.

"The coach at Canterbury was fantastic. His name was John Kalogeras and he is currently the assistant coach of Greek First Division club, Panathinaikos. He was like a father to me and worked very hard on my game.

"I probably would have played for Canterbury in 1977 but left in the pre-

season because he wasn't the coach.

"I saw an advertisement asking for junior players to try out for Sydney City and decided to take a chance," Pezzano said.

## Instant

That chance turned to instant success. Within two training sessions, Pezzano was put straight into the first grade squad by coach Gerry Chaldi.

After eight weeks he played his first game in the NSL against Sydney Olympic when then Soccerroo keeper Todd Clarke

McLachlan, proudly boasts some of the big names of Australian Soccer today — Peter Ras-kopoulos, Peter Katholos, Theo Selemidis, Paul Kay, Greg Woodhouse, Charlie Yankos, Paul Kay, George Christopoulos and Eddie Krncevic.

## Too early

In 1982 he went on loan to Brisbane City, and that year in Brisbane made a huge difference to his game.

"I think I kept on hitting my peak too early in the season at Sydney City.



Pezzano in action: steadying himself for a save for Brisbane City (left), and confidently taking the ball for Sydney City under challenge from Heidelberg's Mick Valentine (above).

## CLARKE HELPS TONY'S BID



his stint at Sydney City, he has continually battled for first grade spot with Todd

the former Soccerroo star is assisting Pezzano in his bid for national honours. "I have been really good to me in training with City and he has put confidence in me. At the start of the season he told me I would make the Australian

attitude, will-to-win and are just incredible," said Pezzano. "The three traits typify Sydney City players. They are a close unit that work hard together and have been rewarded with championship success in recent years.



Pezzano is indebted to Greek coach John Kalogeras (above). He has been Panathinaikos' assistant coach for the last five seasons.

was injured.

"At first I thought I would be the fourth string goalkeeper, but playing in the NSL at 16 was a shock. I didn't even know half the players' names!" Pezzano said.

Clarke was injured for the rest of the season, but Tony returned to the reserves, as Sydney City signed Mal Haynes.

From 1978 to 1981, Pezzano enjoyed mixed fortune at Sydney City, playing a few games in first grade.

The highlight of the 1978 season was his selection in the Australian Schoolboy side which successfully toured America and Canada.

That team, coached by ex-Footscray boss Bobby

"In another way it was probably good for me to be dropped at a young age. It's the only way to learn.

"It was a bit disappointing in Brisbane. The team worked hard but couldn't score goals. Coach Nereo Saftich helped me all the time," Pezzano said.

Last year, back at Sydney City, Pezzano cemented his spot in the first grade side during the second half of the season. He played the last 14 games in first grade and obviously the experience he gained in Queensland helped him.

His hard work, dedication and keenness during the important early stages of his career are an example to all young keepers.

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## BERRIES SUB SINKS TOWN

**TWO** second half goals by substitute John Anagnostopoulos paved the way for Canterbury's 2-0 win over Banskotown-National at Arlington Oval.

Canterbury coach John Xipolitis was pleased with Anagnostopoulos' goals, but in particular, the overall application from his players was excellent.

"I was very pleased with the performance of the whole team. Anagnostopoulos took his chances well but Loui Dounnis created both of them.

"The next couple of weeks will be very difficult. We will be up against Manly and Monaro," Xipolitis said.

It was a pretty even first half with no real goalscoring chances being created by either side.

Canterbury dominated the second half and scored their goals in the 63rd and 82nd minutes.

Dounnis made a dashing run down the right side and his cross took a deflection. The ball fell for Anagnostopoulos and from 8 metres he made no mistake.

The second goal was a replica of the first with Dounnis the instigator and Anagnostopoulos the finisher.

**CANT-M'VILLE:** Konistis, Antonopoulos, Hantzis, Karaspyros, Laws, Philipiou (Anagnostopoulos 52), Pettas, Fterniatis, Hall, Dounnis, Hatziofis.

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## SHARKS SLIP FURTHER DOWN

**SUTHERLAND** dropped further down the ladder after losing to premiership contenders Rockdale Ilinden 1-2 at Seymour Shaw Park.

The first half was for most a hard, torrid affair played in the middle of the park.

There were no real scoring chances — bar the first Rockdale goal in the 22nd minute.

Brown made a break and his 20 metre shot took a deflection off a Sutherland defender and beat the unsighted Sutherland keeper Paul Dart.

Rockdale coach Ilya Tackac was surprised with the way Sutherland approached the game in the first half.

"Sutherland didn't really pressure us. Tactically, we were the better side," he said.

It was a different story in the second period. Sutherland continually pushed forward forcing the visitors to play a subdued defensive game.

A Rockdale counter-attack in the 56th minute saw them push the score to 2-0. G. Wilson put the ball through for Slavski, he beat his man and his cross from the by-line was put away by Jones from six metres.

This didn't deter Sutherland and moments later a 10 metre shot from John Stoddart was brilliantly pushed around the post by Rockdale goalie Kotschambos.

Nigel Groome scored Sutherland's consolation goal in the 78th minute with a well executed 14 metre shot Sutherland continued to push forward but industrious defensive play from Rockdale held them out.

**ROCKDALE:** Kotschambos, Staneski, D. Wilson, Pilovski, G. Wilson, Nastevski, Yousuph, Slavski, Karanfilovski, Brown, Jones.



**SLAV PLANINIC** (right): strong defensive game for Auburn in their win over Ku-ring-gai

## OSHANA PENALTY SINKS CHASERS

**A SOLITARY** penalty goal by Auburn's Tony Oshana was enough to give his team a 1-0 victory over Ku-ring-gai at Parklands Oval.

Ku-ring-gai should feel disappointed with the result because they created enough chances to win.

In the 23rd minute Quigley volleyed over the bar after some good lead-up work from Dene and Jeffrey.

Ray Carney and Oshana responded for the visitors driving and heading over the bar respectively.

Oshana scored from the spot after Ku-ring-gai midfielder Brian Dene had no other alternative but to handle the ball on the line.

Auburn displayed a more vigorous defensive effort in the second half and were well marshalled by Geekie, Watt and Planinic.

In the 51st minute Bertram beat the defence but he fired wide.

Four minutes later Oshana almost scored his double but Ku-ring-gai goalkeeper Andrew Prentice was on hand to execute a brilliant point-blank save.

**KU-RING-GAI:** Prentice, Bennett, Jesse, Bertram, Watson, Quigley, Bourke, Dene, Tracey, Jeffrey, Seach (Hunter 74).

**AUBURN:** Rosano, Kelly, Geekie, Watt, Planinic, Bobinac, Carney, Akoutas, Townson, Knight, Oshana.



**TONY OSHANA:** solitary goalscorer for Auburn

## AVALA'S FIRST BLOOD

**AVALA** recorded their first win of the season defeating Polonia 1-0 at Chopin Park.

Avala were well in control during the early stages of the game and scored their solitary goal in the 17th minute.

A mix-up in the Polonia backline between Galas and Fogarty allowed Avala's Lucchesi to pick up the loose ball and score.

Polonia fought back and could have levelled terms. Irak Garlowski had the best chance to score when from six metres he elected to volley the ball over the bar instead of controlling it and calmly tucking it home.

Polonia were well served by goalkeeper Ian Barker and defender Carl Isherwood.

For Avala, it was the ex-Polonia combination of Budini, Harris and Da Silva who stood out.

**POLONIA:** Barker, Isherwood, Jordan, Fogarty, Galas, Devani (Hanefie 45), Van Der Berg (I. Garlowski 30), Nowak, Kowalczyk, Sobczyk, Lumsdane.

**AVALA:** Ahrens, Lucchesi, Da Silva, Budini, MacKenzie, Duvnjak, Williams, Bozanic, Harris (Brown), Bateman, Milne.



## FEDERATION RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE			1	2	3
Ku-ring-gai	Vs	Auburn Uruguay	0-1	1-0	1-2
Warringah N'been	Vs	Manly Warringah	not played		
Polonia	Vs	Avala	0-1	1-1	3-2
S'land Shire	Vs	R'dale Ilinden	1-2	1-1	4-0
SSC Yugal	Vs	Inter Monaro	3-3	2-0	
Cant-M'ville City	Vs	B'town Nat.	2-0	4-2	3-1
2ND DIVISION					
Nth B'town	Vs	U'sity NSW	2-0	3-0	2-0
Dee Why Swans	Vs	Revesby W'rs	1-1	2-2	5-1
Artarmon	Vs	Parra City	4-2	5-1	4-1
G'ville H'naby	Vs	B'town Utd	1-1	1-4	0-0
Penrith Utd	Vs	Bathurst '75	0-3	3-0	3-2
W'gong	Vs	Belmore	7-2	2-0	0-8
3RD DIVISION					
CSI Schofields	Vs	B'kham Hills	2-2	3-1	0-12
Queens Park	Vs	Bondi Marine	0-0	0-1	0-1
King Tomislav	Vs	Kingsford	2-0	1-1	2-1
Lane Cove Utd	Vs	C'belltown C	0-5	1-6	
Nth Ryde Am	Vs	Mt Drufft Town	0-1	2-1	0-3
M'bank/L'pool	Vs	Pt Hacking	1-3	3-1	0-3
INTER URBAN					
Rooty Hill	Vs	Wetherill Pk	0-1	2-1	
Sydney Uni.	Vs	Padstow Pk	1-2	4-3	
Nineveh Eagles	Vs	Eastwood	1-4	2-3	
H'ville Zagreb	Vs	Maroubra Utd	3-3	1-2	
Spanish Club	Vs	Wenty Waratah	not played		
F'field Kev	Vs	C'belltown G.	0-6	1-1	
2ND DIVISION					
M'quarie Uni.	Vs	West Utd	3-0	9-1	
West St George	Vs	Chile Sports	1-1	1-0	
Green Valley Utd	Vs	H'bury Dist.	1-1	3-3	
T'inos Sports	Vs	Pagewood	2-1	2-2	
Macarthur Utd	Vs	Concordia	1-0	2-0	
Syd. Maccabi	Vs	Chelsea	1-0	N/P	
3RD DIVISION					
M'Farm Ranges	Vs	Nepean Rovers	4-3	2-1	
Rangers Hajduk	Vs	Rosebery	2-2	1-1	
B'town Ward	Vs	Rosebery	4-4	1-2	
S'field Hotspurs	Vs	Chullora	4-1	1-1	
Dulwich Hill	Vs	Rangers Hajduk	2-1	3-1	
Robins	Vs	L'pool City	0-2	8-0	
4TH DIVISION					
Concord Juniors	Vs	Arg'lan L/U	4-1	4-0	
Colo Colo	Vs	B'town W'rs	6-0	3-1	
L'gow W'rs	Vs	L'pool Ranges	1-0	1-4	
Hellas Posidon	Vs	VsJedinstvo Utd	3-4	4-8	
Welcome Sports	Vs	Castle Hill	4-0	1-1	
5TH DIVISION					
St Marys RSL	Vs	Fairfield Ath.	4-3	2-2	
Abruzzi	Vs	Macedonia Yag.	1-3	2-2	
Sans Souci	Vs	P'sham Lus.	4-5	1-0	
Cres. Star	Vs	Greensland	2-3	2-3	
Calabria	Vs	Santago	6-1	6-1	

## NSW TABLES

DIV 1 GDE 1									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Monaro	7	4	3	0	22	12	11		
Manly	6	4	2	0	16	2	10		
Cant-M'ville	7	4	2	1	9	5	10		
Rockdale	7	4	1	2	16	8	9		
Auburn	7	4	1	2	8	8	9		
Sutherland	7	3	1	3	9	8	7		
Bankstown	7	2	1	4	9	10	5		
Yugal	7	1	3	3	9	12	5		
Warringah	6	2	1	3	11	15	5		
Polonia	7	1	2	4	7	13	4		
Ku-ring-gai	7	1	2	4	8	17	4		
Avala	7	1	1	5	6	24	3		
DIV 1 GDE 2									
Cant-M'ville	7	6	0	1	16	8	12		
Bankstown	7	4	1	2	12	8	9		
Manly	6	3	2	1	15	7	8		
Sutherland	7	3	2	2	20	13	8		
Ku-ring-gai	7	3	2	2	7	7	8		
Rockdale	7	2	3	2	12	9	7		
Auburn	7	2	3	2	12	7	7		
Monaro	7	3	0	4	11	14	6		
Yugal	7	2	2	3	7	10	6		
Warringah	6	2	1	3	7	9	5		
Polonia	7	1	2	4	4	16	4		
Avala	7	0	2	5	4	17	2		
DIV 1 GDE 3									
Cant-M'ville	7	5	1	1	17	9	11		
Sutherland	6	4	2	0	16	8	10		
Polonia	6	5	0	1	14	8	10		
Manly	6	4	1	1	14	5	9		
Warringah	5	2	2	1	7	8	8		
Auburn	5	3	0	2	9	6	8		
Rockdale	7	2	0	5	8	14	4		
Yugal	6	2	0	4	6	12	4		
Ku-ring-gai	6	2	0	4	7	13	4		
Bankstown	7	1	2	4	6	13	4		
Avala	7	1	0	6	10	17	2		
DIV 2 GDE 1									
Dee Why	7	5	2	0	25	3	12		
Bathurst	7	4	2	1	13	5	10		
F' Meadow	6	5	0	1	12	4	10		
B'kham Utd	7	3	2	2	16	10	8		
Nth B'town	6	3	1	2	12	7	7		
Artarmon	7	2	3	2	13	16	7		
W'gong Mac	5	2	2	1	12	6	6		
Glades Hby	6	2	2	2	8	6	6		
Rev W'rs	6	2	3	2	9	7	6		
Belmore	7	1	2	4	8	16	4		
Penrith Utd	5	1	0	4	2	14	2		
Parra City	6	1	0	6	7	23	2		
Uni of NSW	7	1	0	6	8	29	2		
DIV 2 GDE 2									
B'kham Utd	7	6	0	1	28	2	12		
Dee Why	7	5	1	1	23	7	11		
Artarmon	7	5	0	2	18	15	10		
Nth B'town	6	4	1	1	16	10	9		
Rev W'rs	6	3	2	1	8	6	9		
W'gong Mac	5	4	0	1	14	7	8		
DIV 2 GDE 3									
B'kham Utd	7	6	0	1	28	2	12		
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W'gong Mac	5	4	0	1	14	7	8		

# INTER-MONARO FIGHT BACK

DESPITE leading 3-0 after only 29 minutes, Yugal were held to a 3-all draw with Inter-Monaro at Fraser Park.

Monaro have shown a glaring weakness in defence away from home during the past few weeks. In their last away game, they were held to a draw by lowly placed Polonia.

With the experienced sweeper John Santolin and skilful striker Bas Giampaolo missing, Monaro looked slightly depleted.

It was a good effort from Yugal. Led by Chris Thamnidis and Stan Tanoski in attack, they always looked dangerous in front and around the Monaro goal.

In the 17th minute McGrath opened the scoring following good build-up by Zivkovic.

Five minutes later Thamnidis broke clear but was brought down by Monaro's Craig Leith. Pahor scored from the penalty spot.

Thamnidis was rewarded for his persistent efforts scoring a skilful solo breakaway goal to make it 3-0 in Yugal's favour.

Monaro pegged one back in the 35th minute after a cross from Monterosso was turned into his own goal by Yugal's Dave Forrester.

Seconds before the break Brennan closed Yugal's seemingly unbeatable lead to one goal after Walter Valeri put him through.

In the 46th minute Thamnidis could have scored his double. His shot at goal was tipped against the crossbar by Hocking but he quickly regained composure to regather the ball from the ensuing Thamnidis.

Moments later Tanoski drove a free-kick against the woodwork.

In the 57th minute Monaro's Walter Valeri drove a penalty attempt against the crossbar after Colbertaldo was fouled in the area.

With four minutes remaining, Colbertaldo gained revenge scoring the equaliser with a well taken goal after teammate Tony Brennan provided the build-up.

YUGAL: Berry, Gogic, Gibson, Forrester, Clarke, Pahor (Curcic 45), Turkoglu, Zivkovic, McGrath (SO 84), Thamnidis, Tanoski.

INTER-MONARO: Hocking, Leith, Domazetovich, Ambrosino, Francis, Willox, Monterosso (Colbertaldo 45), Salgado (Williams 82), Brennan, Valeri, Djordjeski.



WALTER VALERI (right)

## WOODGER BACKS MONARO

BY BERNIE HARRIS

INTER-MONARO has snared a major sponsorship deal which makes it one of the best supported clubs at NSW State level.

The sponsor, the Woodger Corporation, based in Queanbeyan is a secondary sponsor to Readymix which continues as Inter-Monaro's No. 1 sponsor.

The new sponsorship is for a straight out establishment fee of \$5,000 with incentives. The managing director of Woodger, Jim Woodger, detailed the plan which operates on the basis of Inter-Monaro providing business to Woodger unserval forms, all guaranteed to generate a financial return to the club.



JIM WOODGER

Mr Woodger estimated that as a minimum the club would earn \$11,500 in the current season, while with moderate success he believed \$20,000 could be achieved.

However, Inter-Monaro President Laure Pastrello, whose long term friendship with Mr Woodger was instrumental in securing the sponsorship, is confident that a figure in excess of \$30,000 is possible.

With the wrangle over Isaac Farrell finally resolved and the skilful Scot earning his place in midfield, Inter-Monaro has become the team to beat, for most NSW clubs admit that since the establishment of the National League a State team has not boasted such a galaxy of talent as the Queanbeyan team now fields.

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Auburn Uruguay v Polonia  
Rockdale Ilinden v Bankstown National

Mona Park  
Hurstville Oval

Sunday May 13:

Manly Warringah v SSC Yugal  
Avala v Warringah N'been  
Sutherland Shire v Ku-ring-gai  
Inter Monaro v Cant-M'ville Oly

Cromer Park  
Knight Park  
Seymour Shaw  
Marco Polo Oval

### DIVISION 2

Saturday May 12:

University of NSW v Gladesville Hornsby  
Artarmon v Penrith Utd

Little Bay Oval  
Artarmon Reserve

Sunday May 13:

Parramatta City v North Bankstown  
Blacktown United v Penrith United  
Bathurst '75 v Wollongong  
Revesby Workers v Artarmon  
Fairy Meadow v Dee Why Swans

Garside Park  
Francis Park  
Proctor Park  
Milperra Reserve  
Memorial Pk Corrimal

## NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

### DIVISION 1

Saturday May 19:

Cant-M'ville Oly v Manly Warringah

St George Stadium

Sunday May 20:

SSC Yugal v Avala  
Warringah N'been v Auburn Uruguay  
Polonia v Sutherland Shire  
Ku-ring-gai v Rockdale Ilinden  
Inter-Monaro v Bankstown National

Fraser Park  
N'been Fitness Camp  
Chopin Park  
Parklands Oval  
Sieffert Oval

### DIVISION 2

Saturday May 19:

Artarmon v Fairy Meadow

Artarmon Reserve

Sunday May 20:

North Bankstown v Revesby Workers  
Gladesville Hby v Parramatta City  
Penrith United v University of NSW  
Wollongong v Blacktown United  
Belmore v Bathurst '75

Potts Park  
Pioneer Park  
Cook Park  
Berkeley S/G  
Blick Oval



be of considerable interest to all players in Australia.

Australian Soccer Weekly — May 8, 1984

# Finished at 14! SHOCK REPORT

JOHNNY raced to reach the ball as a defender closed in to try to cover the path to goal. It was a situation he had been in dozens of times before in the 180 games he had already played that season, but this time there was a difference. Johnny could feel a tearing sensation in his right knee, as if somebody had cut into him with a knife, and he released a cry of pain as he collapsed to the ground. It was the last time he was ever going to challenge for a ball. He was burned out and finished as a footballer. Johnny was just 14-years-old.

We make no apologies for this dramatic start to our special report on overplayed schoolboy footballers. The fictional case of Johnny is, sadly, fact for many young players who are being pushed beyond their physical limits in the quest for football pride and prizes.

Too often it is the pride of pushy parents, ambitious schoolteachers and junior club managers that is the root cause of one of the most worrying and alarming traits in modern football.

They coax and cajole youngsters into playing more competitive football than is good for them and many are worn out before they have reached physical maturity.

## Developed

Let us go back to our fictional footballer Johnny. We are sure you know somebody like him.

Johnny started playing organised football at the age of seven for a Sunday league team run by his father. He developed such good ball control that at the age of nine he was promoted into the Under-11's team at his school. This was a typical weekend's action.

Saturday morning: An Under-11's school match. Saturday afternoon: A game for his club's team. Sunday morning: A game with his father's Sunday league team. Sunday afternoon: A match for the junior team of his father's social club.

He was also playing two games in midweek for his school and his father had started a Wednesday night floodlit league with, of course, a star spot in his team for Johnny. By the time he was 11 Johnny was regularly playing at least six matches a week.

There was no doubt that Johnny had excellent ability and his schoolmaster made the most of it by promoting him to his Under-16's team, who were challenging for the local area schools' shield.

By the time he was 13, Johnny was a key player in three of his school's teams and his Sunday performances prompted his father



Collection physiotherapist report on the dangers much football.

to tip off a professional scout about his son's ability.

His father couldn't believe his ears when the scout told him his son was not "a thinking footballer" and was going through the motions of playing without using his head.

Johnny's dad dismissed the scout as an idiot and encouraged his son to step up his effort.

"You've got to work harder and make them sit up and take notice of you," he said.

His schoolteacher told him: "Just keep doing your best for the school. We must get that shield this season."

So it was that Johnny, trying to please his dad and to meet the expectations of his schoolteacher, chased that pass, overextended and collapsed with a knee injury brought on by playing too much football on limbs not yet fully developed.

It is not our intention in this

investigation to discourage boys from playing football. We strongly feel that it remains the greatest game on earth and we are right behind England manager Bobby Robson in his launching of the Football Association's "School of Excellence" to discover and polish any diamond-bright prospects.

But we do want to stress our concern at the growing number of incidents of young footballers being forced to give up the game because of injuries brought about by being put under excessive strain at an early age.

Have you ever heard of Osgood-Schlatter? You just might think they are a pair of full-backs.

Osgood-Schlatter is in fact a medical term for injuries caused by wear and tear and over-use of the limbs of youngsters, and more and more schoolboy footballers are becoming familiar with the term as they break down under the stress and strain of too much football.

There is growing concern about

Mike Varney issued a disturbing of youngsters playing too Now Shoot investigates...

it in the professional game. Mike Varney, Tottenham's highly-regarded physiotherapist, spotlighted the problem with an article in the recent issue of the medical magazine Current Practice.

Varney made the disturbing statement that in five years he has seen 300 cases of Osgood-Schlatter injuries to young players.

He commented: "These kids are victims of what I call the gladiator syndrome. They are sent out to do battle for parents and teachers who want to bask in their reflected glory."

He added: "I'm not saying that every boy who plays 200 games a year breaks down, but a high percentage do. They are over-coached and taught there is a given response to every given situation."

"As conditioned, robotic athletes they are not allowed to get on with playing the game the way it should be played. Sooner or later they become fed up with football, playing like mini-robots with no flair or imagination, and their potential can fade by the time they reach 14."

Shoot columnist Jimmy Greaves told our special investigator: "I have been saying for years that there is too much pressure on schoolboy footballers. When I was a kid I always had a



Trevor Brooking (left) and Kevin Keegan (above) both believe that youngsters begin playing competitive football at far too early an age.

ball at my feet, knocking it against walls and lamp-posts and sharpening my skills that way.

"Nowadays you rarely see kids playing with a ball in the street or park simply because they are playing too much competitive football which drains their appetite and enthusiasm for the game."

"I don't think playing too much football is the trouble as much as too much pressure football. Go to any park pitch on a Saturday or Sunday and you will see parents and teachers screaming and

yelling at their kids, demanding extra effort and putting the fear of God into them.

"They are not allowed to develop natural skills and have teachers and parents — often failed footballers themselves — talking mumbo-jumbo tactics."

"I don't think kids should play competitive football until they are at least 13 or 14. Let them enjoy the game and find out just what they can do without anybody stifling the inventive minds that youngsters have."

Trevor Brooking, West Ham's intelligent first gentleman of the game, agrees with the Greaves assessment.

"Football can be dangerous for youngsters if they are taught to regard it as the be-all-and-end-all," he says.

"Up to the age of 11, I believe boys should play for fun only. After that, competition should be balanced carefully with training in football skills."

Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw is outspoken on the subject. "Boys are not machines," he says.

"We've got to take kids away from the pressure of competing from the age of eight."

The great Kevin Keegan believes that many schoolboy footballers are given unfair pressures at too early an age. "I was 15 before I started doing any serious training," he says. "In two years I had improved so dramatically that it probably accounted for my later successes."

"If I had done all that by the age

of 11 or 12 I would not have had the necessary hunger or appetite for the game."

Co-inciding with this Shoot investigation is the publication of a penetrating paperback book called "It's A Tough Game, Son!" (published by Piccolo at £1.25). The author is BBC television sports presenter David Icke, whose promising career as a League goalkeeper was wrecked by arthritic joints when he was just 20.

## Pitfalls

He has seen and experienced all the triumphs and pitfalls facing young footballers and Shoot strongly recommends that any boy dreaming of a career as a professional player should read it and digest all the lessons that David learned the hard way.

It is the truth about the game refreshingly told with glory-dreaming youngsters in mind.

Football is a wonderful game to play and enjoy. It must not be allowed to become a chore or a treadmill.

Parents, schoolteachers and club coaches should take the pressure off their young players by telling them that it is only a game and — above all — they should not overplay them.

We don't want to report any more cases like that of our fictional character Johnny. And that's a fact.



# 'RICHIO' IS AHEAD OF THE REST

BY PHIL MURPHY

**FAIRY MEADOW** midfielder Mick Richardson certainly takes his Soccer seriously — he travels to Sydney for away games the day before to check the playing surface.

"Richo" turned up at Milperra 24 hours early when Fairy Meadow played Revesby recently.

It seems coach Mike Johnson gave his players a light training session on the Friday night, so Richo naturally assumed they must have been playing on the Saturday that weekend.

He didn't bother checking and drove to Milperra the following day.

Naturally he was the only one there, but to add to his problems his car broke down on the way home and he didn't make it back until 8.30 that night.

He turned up the next day and starred in his team's 1-0 win.

**ONE** player running around in district games who could easily have made the grade with Wollongong City this season is Fernhill's Steve Quinn.

Equally at home in midfield or up front, Quinn was at times brilliant in his team's 4-0 win over Cringila — their fifth game in a row without conceding a goal.

Quinn has the energy to be the team's work-

horse, tons of skill and even gets his share of goals.

Coach Gerry Walker certainly was impressed with that win over Cringila.

"That was the best I have ever seen a distinct side play in Illawarra — their variation was really great at times," Walker said.

**FORMER** goalkeeper Alan Mangles has been playing well in Russell Vale's back-four this season, but had a moment he will want to forget in the game against West-Figtree recently.

Russell Vale were putting up a creditable performance against the premiers with the score at 1-1 when Mangles tried for one of those so-difficult 20 metre back-passes, and could only watch as the ball rolled over his own goal-line, and Figtree won 2-1.

**THE** Soccer future of Wollongong Macedonia defender Chris Talavall is in doubt after his clash of heads with Fairy Meadow's Bill Sheridan

in the recent derby game.

Talevski has been an outstanding player at the back for his club.

Almost unbeatable in the air and without doubt among the 10 most consistent players in the league since United joined it, Talevski suffered a nasty head injury which required surgery.

It was nice to hear Sheridan sent him a card wishing him a speedy recovery.

## NORTHERN NSW SNIPPETS

**NO** Northern NSW First Division club has a coach who has been on the job for much more than one season.

Greg Smith (Belmont Swansea), Bill Vrolyks (Central Coast), and Peter Dewhurst (West Wallsend) are in their jobs for a second year.

Newcomers are Willie Gallagher (Adamstown Rosebuds), Warren Anderson (Cardiff), Bruce Morrow (Hamilton Red Star), Kevin Lagerstrom (Highfields Azzurri), Mike Trebilcock (Lake Macquarie), Phil Collins (Maitland Magpies) and joint coaches J.T. and J.J. Turnbull (Weston Bears).

The Bears have strong support from the Weston Workers Club.

**THE** NSW Central Coast is starting to produce some players of real quality.

The very dedicated Darren Northam is at present at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, Terry Mason and Matthew Garland have joined the Newcastle Rosebuds Youth team, and Ian Vaughan is playing for Penrith's Youth

Both appear for Belmont Swansea, and Greg is also the coach.

**A SPECIAL** place of honour at the Northern NSW Centenary celebrations will be awarded to the veterans of Soccer in the area.

The reunion on Friday June 8 will include legendary goalscorers Reg Date and Alf "Artie" Quill.

Also on the list in former Australian Soccer Federation treasurer Tom Grumson, whose playing career started on the Coalfields before he moved to Sydney.

**ANDREW** STOWELL, son of Queensland's director of coaching Bruce Stowell, is receiving wraps as a defender for 1983 Northern NSW champions Central Coast.

He wears size 12 boots!

**TREVOR** SMYTH and Greg Smith, well known in Sydney a few years back, are still on the job.

## SMOOTH SYSTEM

**THE** NSW Soccer Federation administration is proceeding smoothly under a system which calls for specific tasks to be handled by particular members of the broadened executive.

The allocation of duties is: George Dick (protests and disputes), Les Fairclough (general purposes and insurance), Charles Valentine (finance), Peter Coleman (ad-

ministration), George Churchward (representative teams liaison), Eric Arneil (Parklea Soccer complex), Peter Thorne (club development).

Emanuel Said, who replaced Ron Orsatti, is involved in finance and other matters.

President John Constantine reckons that his area of sponsorship is proving the most difficult portfolio to handle.

## GOAL ORGY IN TASSIE

BY "VAN DIEMAN"

**THERE** were 46 goals in the opening round of the John Kalis Memorial Trophy competition in Tasmania.

Launceston Croatia 5-0 in a match that was abandoned in the 83rd minute because of rain and hail. The result, however, will stand.

St Leonards were no match for the visiting Launceston Juventus and lost 8-0. Dennis hit a hat-trick, Hughes scored twice, and Reynolds, Saville and Rossi grabbed one goal each in a one-sided encounter.

Launceston Matric's Davis scored two penalties against Olympia-WPL but the Greek side from the south ran out 6-2 winners, despite captain Peter Sherman having two penalties saved.

He did manage to score once, the other goals coming from Nick Cook (2), Craig Nichols and Padas. The remaining goal was an own goal.

The draw for the second round, to be played on May 16/19 and 20 is: Hobart City v Burnie United, University v Launceston United, Devonport City v Hobart White Eagles, Olympia-WPL v Caledonians, Juventus-Pioneer v Phoenix-Lauderdale, South Hobart v Croatia-Glenorchy, Rapid v Launceston-Juventus, and Ulverstone v George Town.

Hobart White Eagles was top of the scoring charts with 15 hits against Clarence. Barker, Godfrey and Young scored two each to give Eagles a 6-0 lead at the interval.

Barker went on to complete his hat-trick in a second half which featured a hat-trick from Stoddart, two goals from coach Alastair Payne. An own goal, and a goal each by Wittek and Wass completed the massacre.

Phoenix-Lauderdale struggled against Launceston White Eagles, finally overcoming the visitors 3-1 in extra-time. Jimmy Kerr opened the scoring for Phoenix and Sciuili's header took the match into extra-time when a twice-taken penalty by Hales and a fine goal by Engels gave Phoenix victory.

Rapid easily defeated Howrah 3-0 through goals by Kirkpatrick (2) and Thompson but Caledonians had to fight all the way to beat Metro-Claremont 2-1. Parker and Banagan were the Calies scorers, while Francis got Metro's goal from the penalty spot.

There was plenty of rain as well as goals in Northern Tasmania.

George Town defeated the visiting



**CENTRAL COAST** Soccer Club officials pictured at the 1984 media function at Gosford (from left): Eric Marshall (U18 coach), Roy Barnes (committee), Bob Nicholson (treasurer), Bill Northam (president). The club won the 1983 Northern NSW First Division championship, but lost the grand final to Weston Bears.



**FORMER** Sydney Class 1 referee Bob Graham has had some years in his wholesale food business at Long Jetty on the NSW Central Coast. Bob has been doing a power of work with the local media, publicising the Soccer code and the Central Coast senior club.



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## C'WEATH BANK RESULTS

**ROUND 1:**  
BELMORE 10 (Y.Ibrhim 4, G.Tour 2, S.Ibrhim, C.Karas, C.Kalassos, C.Nicolopoulos) d RANDWICK NORTH 0 Best: Y.Ibrhim, C.Kalassos, G.Gerios, H.Bovlatas (Bel), R.Lawson, S.Hadjilacostas (Rand).  
QUEANBEYAN 3 (S.Kavas 2, B.Sellen) d MULWAREE GOULBURN 2 (R.Lord 2). Best: Stan Kavas, Byron Sellen (Quean), Alan Loftis, Robert Lord (Mul).  
CANTERBURY 5 (Tomasz Malafouras 3, Michael Kstis, og) d DULWICH HILL 0. Best: Sam Varrica, Maurice Bortolin, Michael Kstis (Cant).  
EPPING 4 (J.Smith 2, S.Roots, M.Taylor) d CROMER 0. Best: T.Dewey, J.Smith, M.Taylor (Epp).



# ARNEIL'S PROJECT

**STRONG-WILLED** yet quietly spoken, youth coaching expert Eric Arneil has travelled the length and breadth of New South Wales Soccer territory teaching youngsters how to improve their game.

Now, at 60, "Buddy" Arneil is project manager for the Parklea Soccer Complex, and it is there he will spend much of his forthcoming retirement.

For 30 years he has taught better methods of playing the game, and he still can show just how a football should be controlled.

In recent weeks he has been helping coaches handle various representative teams.

## Plans

And in between times, he is planning jobs, driving the huge mower that was recently purchased and carrying out a

myriad of other tasks to improve Parklea.

All the time Arneil turns over forthcoming coaching plans in his mind.

He readily admits that he is a self-taught coach.

"My knowledge was mainly acquired through reading manuals, watching games and attending coaching clinics," he said.

"It seems to me that God gave me the ability to pick boys with skill and play them in the right positions."

"Even with untalented boys, with patience, time and intensive training I can get them to play a worthwhile brand of Soccer."

Arneil admits that he has upset many people, but he has no intention of apologising because he is adamant that what he has said is correct.

His expertise is in junior coaching, and so he has left senior football to others.

"I am strong-willed, and adamant over the use of proper techniques. Today I have won through to gain support of 95 per cent of coaches, and the others I regard as mercenaries," Arneil said.

He started in the coaching trade back in 1956 and

handled representative teams for 20 years.

## New Brand

As to style of coaching, Arneil would like to have more worthwhile European coaches, put them in a cocktail shaker with our own Australian coaches, and then turn out a new Australian brand.

English managers don't interest him, and he believes they have not achieved enough over the past decade.

Arneil believes that establishing Parklea was a wise decision, with its 65 acres and 2,063 square metres of gymnasium

space. "It will be the hub of Australia's Soccer coaching and be the main academy within five years," he declared.

So watch out, Australian Institute of Sport.

Arneil wants boys from 12 years and upward to use the Parklea facilities, and to keep coming back and play against stronger and harder teams.

On the country associations, he points out they are contributing towards its services and therefore should ensure that their boys benefit from it.

Meanwhile, Buddy Arneil is prepared to turn out for any local Under 70 side!





**KEITH GILMOUR**

**JS**

**JUNIOR SCENE**

## RAY CURRIE HITS THE AIR

BY FRANK FINLAY

**SOMETIMES** it is people just outside the game to whom Soccer owes the most.

One such person is Ray Currie, news editor of 2AY, which serves the Border district.

Unassuming yet sprightly, Ray never refuses to use news items, even when they came in a few minutes before he goes to air.

Whether the items cover juniors or seniors, boys or girls, as long as they have news value they go to air.

Ray joined 2AY back in 1949. Later he was with 4TO Townsville and 4WK Warwick, where he was the assistant station manager.

He transferred back to



2AY in 1962 and has been attending to the news since 1968.

The game could certainly do with more Ray Curries in radio, television and print media throughout all the country areas of Australia.

## SOUTHERN NSW BOYS MISS OUT

NSW ASF junior vice-president Bob Maundrell was pleased with the standard of the NSW Country Under 15 team which trained at Parklea under State coach Vince Balzan.

"They are particularly good for a country unit and should perform well in their matches," Mr Maundrell said.

"Congratulations to all who supported this venture with their nominations and assistance."

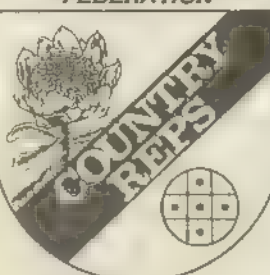
Trials were held for NSW Country teams in U13, 14 and 15 grades for the first time.

The players will be drawn from Western NSW and Riverina predominantly.

A contingent has been drawn from the thriving Macarthur Association, plus a small number from other areas.

This is the first time that NSW Country has been able to play Sydney as a unit.

**NEW SOUTH WALES AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION**



People were very coy over the reasons why most of Southern NSW missed out. Had Southern NSW picked up their tab then the Country teams would have been stronger.

Mr Maundrell said that, whilst he was disappointed over the shortage in U13 and U14 nominations, he is sure that the boys chosen will give their games everything they can produce.

"Once country people get feedback over the success of the camp and the wonderful Parklea

facilities, we will find ourselves knocking applicants back," he added.

The other problem which will need sorting out for 1985 is the clash between the Country trials at Parklea and the Amundsen Cup for U13s, which this year was held at Bega.

Some country team managers took their club players for a run-of-the-mill tournament, whereas the best of the boys could have won NSW Country selection.

At Parklea, for a minimal \$35 for accommodation, food and coaching, the boys who attended received tuition from many of the State's leading junior coaches.

It is a case of getting priorities right for the future.

Wells said that with coaching sessions and tests between championship matches, national Youth team coach Jimmy Shoulder should have enough information on potential internationals.

"There will be 16 coaches in Canberra plus Jimmy Shoulder, and if we can't come up with a squad by the Friday night then there is something wrong with the system," said Wells.

Salabasidis is also anxious about the various tests to be conducted during the championship when players will be "examined" between matches.

Salabasidis reckons his players could be flattened as it is with just the matches, and the work-outs in between will do them no good.

Certainly the trials after

the championship seem ludicrous.

Apart from players being flat, many will be carrying injuries, and surely the best way to select a player is from a competitive match situation and not a trial match at the end of a rugged competition.

Apart from the four Westad stars, the SA squad is completed by youngsters who have all had senior experience in the State League.

They are: Peter Kolesnikowicz, Anthony Ward (Polonia), Louis Maratos (Cumberland), Sandy Meggetto (Campbelltown), Angelo Giannitto (Azzurri), Graeme Schache, Colin Miller (Para Hills), Slavko Hancar (Beograd), Jim O'Connor (Port), Alex Tobin (Adelaide City), John Klein, Nonad Sosa (Croatia).

## QLD TEAM

**BRISBANE CITY** striker Lee Scriggins is the most experienced player in the Queensland Youth team which will contest the National Championship in Canberra.

Scriggins, who has appeared several times in the City NSL team this season, is the most experienced player among the 16 named by State coach Bruce Stowell.

Another well-credentialed player in the Maroons Youth squad is Lions midfielder Rich Bassingthwaite, who has been invited to accompany the Australian Institute of Sport squad on its European tour.

The Queensland squad is: A. Milicin, R. Parkes, W. Armit (Townsville); G. Barbera, D. Zimmerlie (Bundaberg); A. Bell (Thistle); W. McDermott (Wynnum); T. Carnavas (Mt Gravatt); M. Barry (Olympic); L. Dines (North Star); A. Carmen, F. Byrne (Taringa); D. Harrison, Scriggins (Brisbane City); S. Plazibat, Bassingthwaite (Lions).

**CENTRAL COAST** referees' secretary Graham Smith is proud of his district's advances in providing referees for games in the U6/U8 matches.

Parents and friends of the youngsters are encouraged to control the games, basically because they are in attendance. As they are only part trained they wear a white uniform to distinguish them from regular referees.

"The scheme is working well and in addition we get a few extra referees for other games because of the development of their interest," he said.

Apart from the men in white, the Central Coast has 26 senior and eight cadet referees at present.



## ENTER NOW

### SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

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The prize are 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$100, 5th \$50. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

So keep those news items and pictures rolling in to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PO Box 406, Broadway, NSW 2007.







MEMBERS of the Sydney City U12 squad snapped at a function before they left for matches in Europe.  
TOP: Danny Klein, Daryl Zeiderman, David Laurie.  
BOTTOM: Daryl Sygall, Grant Thompson, Matthew Thompson.

## MACARTHUR'S REP PLANS

MACARTHUR Soccer Football Association, covering the Campbelltown/Camden region, is working to a five-year plan to give the district its own State League presence.

The Macarthur Soccer Club has commenced with a modest presence in the Inter-Urban Second Division, but it is aiming for bigger things.

Major football is being played on Ponderosa Park at Camden, where the playing area is now in first-class condition.

The Association's Youth League teams began last season and naturally struck some difficult competition.

The representative teams have lost some of their best players to Mel-

ta, Southern Districts and Marconi, but a number of them have indicated that they could be with Macarthur in 1985.

Association president Terry Coates is very grateful that the District, which is part of Southern

NSW Branch, has been admitted into the NSW Youth League.

This of course gives the players a much greater chance to develop against the constant competition of Sydney's best youth clubs.

## WALLY BRACHER — RIVERINA VIP

BY FRANK FINLAY

**SOCCER** enthusiast Wally Bracher became a country member of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation back in the late 1950s.

He introduced Soccer to the main Riverina area and founded teams in both Wagga and Junee. Only twice has he missed State annual meetings over the years.

No wonder he was made a life member of the Amateurs' Riverina Branch.

His work on behalf of the game has hardly wilted.

At present he is chairman of the North Riverina Soccer League, secretary of the Wagga and District SFA, senior VP of the Riverina Branch and also senior VP of the Wagga Sports and Recreation Committee.

In between times Wally serves St Paul's, St Peter's and Lake Albert Anglican churches in Wagga as a deacon.

During the War years, Wally was discharged from the Army for health reasons, joined the Navy and suffered the same fate, then was admitted into the RAAF where he

saw out the rest of the War.

His viewpoint on the future of Soccer is fixed and firm. The code could certainly do with more workers of the Wally Bracher mould.

### CENTENARY U12 CUP

**KIRRAWEE** Junior Soccer Club hosts the 1984 Centenary Cup at Kareela Oval, Princes Highway Kirrawee, this week.

In charge are Harrie Denning, Bill Lodge, Barbara Tallis and Bill Culnan.

The teams involved are: GROUP A: Western NSW, Mid North Coast (Coffs Harbour Jetty), Kirrawee, Illawarra, Nepean, Grafton, Gladesville-Hornsby, Blacktown and Northern Suburbs (Tasmania).

GROUP B: Eastern Tasmania, Sutherland, Canterbury, Griffith, Albion, Macarthur, North Tasmania, St George and Southern Districts.

# ST GEORGE NAILS ILLAWARRA

ST GEORGE had every reason for a big celebration on Saturday when their Under 13 Youth League team defeated arch-rivals Illawarra for the first time ever.

Usually Saints go down by a goal or two, or at best manage a draw. This time they recorded a fine 2-1 result.

Illawarra hit the lead with a first half penalty kick, but Saints equalised 10 minutes into the second

half thanks to a Hassan Khamis penalty, and then Chris Illiadis cracked the winner.

Jamie Warren, the son of former star winger Geoff and nephew of Johnny Warren, pinpointed two glorious free-kicks just inside the far post to make the 2-0 difference between the U14 teams in a close game.

St George did not have much trouble to win the U15 game 4-1, with the winners' goals arriving from Mark Gombe (two), Mark Myles and Ian Loy.

Then in U16, in the Saints' 2-0 win, it was Con Tsiavos and leading scorer Rod Williams who picked up the goals.

No wonder Saints Youth League convenor Ray Mason is smiling. Saints lead Group B in U13 and U16, and are in second spot in U14 and U15.

In other Group B news

during the week, North Bankstown U14 drew 1-1 with mighty Marconi, reports coach Bob Hidson.

Other recent results by this team of improvers were 2-0 v Avala, 2-1 v Manly and 0-0 v Nepean.

It all shows that this team cannot be taken lightly. Both the U13 and U14 teams could finish well up the ladder, and indeed the U15 and U16 grades are doing far better than was the case earlier in the season.

## NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 13 — MAY 5  
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St George v Illawarra  
Macarthur v APIA  
Melita v Auburn  
Baulkham Hills v Stn Dists  
Croatia v Blacktown City  
Ku-ring-gai v Canterbury Assn  
Yugal v Bankstown  
Yugal v Blacktown City (R4)

	U13	U14	U15	U16
St George v Illawarra	2-1	0-2	4-1	2-0
Macarthur v APIA	0-1	0-2	0-6	0-12
Melita v Auburn	5-1	3-4	4-1	1-1
Baulkham Hills v Stn Dists	4-1	0-2	0-1	3-2
Croatia v Blacktown City	2-0	1-1	2-1	0-6
Ku-ring-gai v Canterbury Assn	4-1	2-1	1-2	2-1
Yugal v Bankstown	2-0	0-3	1-2	0-3
Yugal v Blacktown City (R4)	1-0	0-4	2-3	0-9

Syd Olympic v Marconi  
Nth Bankstown v Sutherland  
Blacktown Assn v Nepean  
Sydney City v Manly  
Granville v Cant-M'ville  
Avala v Central Coast  
Rockdale v Gladesville  
N Bankstown v Cent Coast (R9)

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Syd Olympic v Marconi	2-3	3-2	3-0	0-0
Nth Bankstown v Sutherland	0-2	0-2	0-8	1-4
Blacktown Assn v Nepean	0-17	0-0	0-8	1-5
Sydney City v Manly	0-5	3-0	0-2	0-1
Granville v Cant-M'ville	5-0	1-8	3-1	3-1
Avala v Central Coast	1-5	0-2	2-1	3-0
Rockdale v Gladesville	2-2	2-1	0-2	0-3
N Bankstown v Cent Coast (R9)	2-2	0-2	1-1	0-2

## METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

U11 ROUND 2

Gladesville v St George 7-0, Canterbury v Sutherland 1-4, Granville v Illawarra 2-3, Blacktown v Stn Dists 2-1.



FATHER AND SON ABONYI... assistant national coach Atti Abonyi looks on as his son Robbie, 14, trains.



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Epping-Eastwood 1 v Epping-Eastwood 2	4-1
Arncliffe Scots v Prospect	9-0
Budgewoi v Wenty Waratahs	5-4
Killarney bye	
<b>INTER DISTRICT COMPETITION</b>	
<b>OPEN DIVISION</b>	
Manly v Sutherland	1-0
Gladesville-Hornsby 2 v Liverpool	6-0
Gladesville-Hornsby 1 bye	
<b>UNDER 17</b>	
Holroyd v Manly-Warringah	2-1
Gladesville-Hornsby v Blacktown	5-2
<b>UNDER 15 ANNE GREGORY CUP</b>	
Manly-Warringah v Liverpool	0-0
Sutherland v Holroyd	2-1

# UNDER 17 COMPETITION A BIG HAPPENING

THE under 17 competition in Darwin was probably the best thing that has happened to the N.T. Women's Soccer Federation for quite a while.

These were the words of the president, Graham Rees, when we spoke to him last week.

The girls were on top of the world, especially seeing they won the contest from

the talent that came from two teams in NSW.

Graham said this would do a lot to boost the popularity of women's Soccer in Darwin which was suffering from inroads of touch foot-

ball at the moment.

This is the first time women's football has been played during the "wet" season in the Territory and the heat and high humidity took their toll on the girls from the Southern State until they became used to the conditions.

Manageress of the NSW team, Carol Broughton, said the girls had enjoyed their trip to the "top end" and knew what to expect in the future.

The Sydney contingent left Mascot airport and travelled via Alice Springs to Darwin.

Dressed in their traditional outfits of dark blue slacks and pale blue tops, the 16 girls and officials made quite an impression when they boarded the aircraft.

## Contrast

By contrast, Nthn. NSW in their businesslike black and white tracksuits, were also on the flight and considerable interest was raised with the two groups from passengers when it was known they were women Soccer players.

At Alice Springs for refuelling, the girls were amazed at the heat at the airport... a sign of things to come.

The usual afternoon rain greeted the girls as they came off the aircraft early in the afternoon in Darwin and the high humidity, combined with heat, made them rather uncomfortable in track suits.

The girls lost no time in driving to Lamaroo Lodge, a motel in the heart of the city, where they settled in before Lal Byers, coach for the NSW side, took his charges to the Showground Oval where the matches were to be played.

After a short training session, most of the girls came off very thirsty but acclimatised.

The following day was fine and hot for the start

of the tournament and Graham Rees, president of the NT Women's Federation, greeted the teams and advised them of the conditions for the games.

Opening game was between Northern Territory and Nthn. New South Wales.

Conditions suited the local girls but played havoc with the NSW side.

The Territory won 3-1 with a good display of football and Samantha Drew (Alice Springs) combined with Gace de Castro of Darwin to ensure the fine win.

Lionel Sneyd, coach of the NNSW side, said he thought that his girls had superior skills but local conditions were too much for them physically.

During the tournament, his squad consumed 90 litres of Gatorade which had been donated to the team, as well as 15 litres of ice cold water.

Next game was between NSW and Darwin with the local team consisting of senior and junior players.

## Abandoned

New South Wales was leading 3-0 well into the game when torrential rain, coupled with tropical lightning, caused the game to be abandoned.

The first game on 1st April was between Nthn. NSW and Darwin.

Nthn. won the game 3-2.

Two girls in the Darwin side, well known to most of the national teams of previous years, Linda Solien and Barbara Chisholm, were responsible for the goals for their team.

NNSW had goals scored by Annette Leary, Kym Drayton and Heather Gordon.

The second game was between the NT and NSW.

The NSW side consisted of Under 17 players, most of them coming from the Under 15 State side of last

year. And NT consisted of players who had represented their State for several years in the senior team.

NSW won 3-0. Scorers were Felicity Huntington and Rhonda McAllister (2).

Next a local derby between Darwin and the NT side.

The better-drilled NT won 2-0.

Scorers were Samantha Drew and Rosetta Cabillo.

NSW took on Nthn. NSW in the second game of the day and played well on top of the northern side to take the match 4-1. Scorers were Kym Whitcombe, Rhonda Withers (3) and for Nthn. NSW, Amy Tredinnick.

On Wednesday, NSW played against the Darwin team. Star forward for NSW, Rhonda Withers, had dislocated her shoulder in the previous match and was unable to take part in any further games until the last day.

## Contained

This had a demoralising effect on the girls but they contained the eager Darwin forwards and won the game, 3-0 with Julie Hebb scoring two goals and an own goal by Darwin.

The second game of the day was played between NT and NNSW and although Northern tried hard, the Territory girls had the edge and finished winning 2-0. Both goals were scored by Samantha Drew.

The first game on the Thursday resulted in a win for the Northern Territory against NSW.

Scorers for NT were Samantha Drew and Rosetta Cabillo. Tracey Wheeler scored for NSW.

In the following match, Northern NSW cut loose against Darwin with Linda Hughes from the Macquarie Association scoring a hat-trick.

Annette Leary and Heather Gordon each scored a goal to bring up a 5-1 win. Linda Solien scored the lone goal for Darwin.

On the final day of the tournament in the first game, Northern NSW turned the tables on their city cousins, NSW winning 1-0.

Heather Gordon was responsible for the winning goal.

On a day of upsets, Darwin also took the field and beat N.T. 1-0 with Sue Fitzgerald scoring.

Comments from coaches were that the lighting was like daylight and the surface of the Showground Oval, after it had been cut short, was equal to any in Sydney.

Table for the tournament is as follows:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
NT	3	-	1	9	4	6
NSW	2	-	2	8	4	4
NNSW	1	-	3	7	11	2

Darwin's points were not counted.

# MANUWERA GIRLS TO TOUR

BY BILL TURNER

NEW ground for Soccer will be broken during the final two weeks of second school term this year when a girls' Soccer team from a New Zealand High school will visit Northern NSW.

After closely monitoring the number of boys' teams visiting the area, Mr Ed Beuning, a teacher at Manuwera High School from the South Auckland district, made an approach to bring his side across the Tasman.

Accepting the policy that such tours must reflect educational and social as well as sporting activities, the Manuwera girls will commence their tour at Kotara High School before going to Cardiff High and Gateshead High.

They will conclude their school visits at Richmond River High on the upper NSW North Coast and then

spend a few days on the Gold Coast before returning home via Brisbane.

Girls' Soccer is fairly strong in New Zealand, and the visit could be helpful in gauging the relative strengths. They will meet strong opposition from Cardiff and Gateshead, two well-established schools in the code.

Miss Iris Green took Cardiff to the Rudy Roth Trophy Regional final last year, losing to the eventual winners of the Ku-ring-gai Cup, Gateshead, coached by Denise Collins.

Denise also coaches the Hunter team and has been chosen to coach the NSW CHS side this year.

Girls' Soccer at Kotara is being developed by Ms Melissa Ramage and Sportsmistress Jan Hansen.

# NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

BY PETER RUSSELL

by the Institute.

Within three minutes of the second half, AIS were down 1-3 when Joe Samardzic walked through an AIS offside trap to score his second goal and, a minute later, whilst still stunned by this, Andrew Bernal put through his own goal.

AIS didn't collapse but took control of the game once again with controlled Soccer, but once again it was the defenders who scored in a breakaway through Vic Tolic in the 81st minute.

At Marconi, the Wolves and Leopards fought out a toothless encounter.

The deadlock was not broken until Scott Dickson grabbed the winner in the 88th minute.

At the Gabbie Stadium, Olympic were just too good for the plucky Blacktown Demons, although the game was a lot closer than the 0-3 scoreline might suggest.

Chris Kalantzis opened the score in the 15th minute but it wasn't until the 80th minute that they breached the Demons defence again. It was Kalantzis who scored.

Bobby Naumov finally clinched it in the 88th minute for Olympic.

At Henson Park, Leichhardt continued their surge back towards the top with a convincing 3-1 victory over a Croatia side tired from their long trip to Canberra the previous day.

Tony Genovese grabbed two goals for the Strikers in the 17th and 50th minutes and Goran Mladenovski the third in the 44th minute. Mario Coiro put through his own goal in the 32nd minute to record Croatia's only goal.

## NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

Wed 9-5-84	
Sydney City v Newcastle	6pm St George Stadium
Sat 12-5-84	
Newcastle v Blacktown	12 15pm Adamstown Oval
Sun 13-5-84	
Sydney City v Marconi	12 45pm Sydney Ath Field
Penrith v Canberra	12 30pm Cook Park
Croatia v Melita Eagles	12 45pm Melita Stadium
Olympic v Leichhardt	12 45pm Pratten Park
Wollongong v St George	12 45pm Wollongong Showground

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St George	10	7	0	3	29	22
AIS	9	5	2	2	22	10
Olympic	10	6	0	4	30	19
Leichhardt	10	5	2	3	14	12
Canberra	10	5	1	4	23	18
Newcastle	9	4	3	2	11	9
Melita Eagles	9	4	2	3	16	17
Blacktown	10	4	2	4	9	14
Penrith	9	3	2	4	19	24
Sydney City	8	3	1	4	16	16
Marconi	10	2	3	5	13	18
Croatia	11	3	0	8	15	27
Wollongong	9	2	0	7	12	23

## NORTH NSW COACHING CAMP

NORTHERN NSW Women's Federation commenced a week-long live-in camp on Saturday.

It is being held at the Sport and Recreation camp at Myuna Bay with the national director of coaching, Jim Selby, in attendance.

Jim Foley, the Nthn. NSW director of coaching, is also there, and the camp director is the senior State coach for Nth NSW women, Lionel Sneyd.

A comprehensive report will follow when the girls recover from the camp which, believe, is being conducted at a hectic pace!



AIS overpowered by a Gladesville-Hornsby player to team-mate Leigh Waddell (No 9) in the final of the New Caledonia Soccer Cup against Manly-Warringah at the Majenta Stadium in Noumea. The tournament was arranged by Sportswell Tours.



# BAN ON BELGIANS KILLS CHANCES

SUSPENSIONS of many players, following the Belgian bribery scandals, have just about killed Belgium's hopes in the forthcoming European Championship.

Eight players who played for Standard Liege

when it "bought" a 3-1 victory over Waterschei, have been suspended.

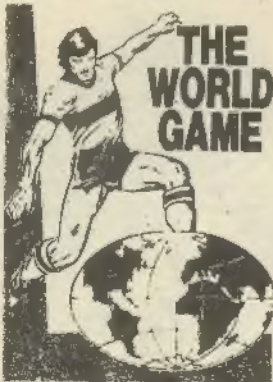
So national coach Guy Thys has been robbed of captain and right-back Eric Gerets, libero Walter Meeuws and midfielder Guy Vandersmissen, as well as reserves Gerard

## STARS FLY HOME

ARGENTINA'S European exiles, Maradona and Passarella, have been called back home for international duty.

National coach Carlos Bilardo wants both to play against West Germany and Belgium.

Bilardo will name his national squad on Thursday in Buenos Aires.



GUY THYS  
Plessers, Joe Daerden and Theo Poel.

Heaviest suspensions were suffered by club officials.

Roger Petit, vice-president of the Belgian FA and top man at Standard Liege, is out with a life ban, as is coach Raymond Goethals.

Standard had to complete its programme this year with a team of amateurs taking over from the suspended first-teamers.

## PAY UP — OR ELSE!

SOME top Brazilian players with the famous Botafogo club, are threatening to walk out if they don't get cash owing to them.

Botafogo has very big debts and there is an alarming salary arrears account.

It seems the money is owed not just to players, but also to coaches, including head coach Didi.



## PLATINI

## PURSUED

MICHEL PLATINI (pictured above) still leads the goalscoring charts in Italy.

But he is closely pursued by Zico.

Platini, a Frenchman, has scored 19 goals for Juventus, while Zico, a Brazilian, has scored 18 for Udinese. Paolo Rossi's tally is 12.

# CORINTHIANS LOSE THEIR SUPPORTERS

CORINTHIANS, the Brazilian club from Sao Paulo, have been getting some of the smallest match attendances in their history.

Crowds have been around the 10,000 mark and even slumped to 6,219 for the game against Santa Cruz.

Corinthians' fans have

complained about many things which caused them to stop going to matches.

They don't like the schedule of the 1984 Copa Brasil. They say many people are desperately short of cash and cannot afford to eat dinner if they pay to attend a game.

They also claim the injury to Socrates took much of the interest out of the games.

Corinthians officials admit their match receipts do not cover outgoings and the club's Asian tour kept Corinthians' heads above water.

## THE DOC GETS AN HONOUR

DURING FIFA'S 80th anniversary celebrations, a presentation will be made to Yugoslavia's Dr Mihailo Andrejevic.

The doctor has earned it. He served on the FIFA executive from 1938 to 1982, and that's a record.

Andrejevic also performed great work in the field of sports medicine.

WHEN Czechoslovakia drew 1-1 with Italy in Verona, nobody should have been surprised that the Czechs escaped defeat. It is 31 years since Italy beat Czechoslovakia.

## SIR STANLEY CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

SIR STANLEY ROUS, the grand old man of world Soccer, celebrated his 89th birthday on April 25.

He was president of FIFA until handing over to Joao Havelange 10 years ago and, before that, was 20 years with the English Football Association as secretary.

It was Sir Stanley Rous who rewrote the Laws of the Game many years ago, a task which placed everyone in Soccer in his debt.

Sir Stanley still travels the world on FIFA business and was present at the 1982 World Cup in Spain and the 1983 World Youth Championship in Mexico.

ASW wishes Sir Stanley a happy 90th year.



## OVERSEAS RESULTS

### SPAIN

Bilbao beat Barcelona 1-0 to win the Spanish Cup in Madrid. Scorer: Endika (13 mts). Attendance: 100,000.

V'dolid v Zaragoza	1-0
Sevilla v Valencia	1-0
R Madrid v At Madrid	1-1
Espanol v Real Murcia	2-1
Sociedad v Cadiz	2-0
Mallorca v Salamanca	2-1

### ITALY

Catania v Roma	2-2
F'ina v Genoa	0-0
Juventus v A'lino	1-1
Lazio v Ascoli	2-1
Ac Milan v Pisa	2-1
Napoli v Udinese	2-1
S'doria v Torino	2-1
Verona v Inter	1-2

\* Juventus are champions

### GREECE

Panathinaikos won the Greek title. Panseirakos go down to second division. Yannina and Panionios will decide the other relegation place.

Egaleo v Ap Athens	2-0
OFI v Doxa	2-2
Anis v Iraklis	0-0
O'pikos v P'naikos	2-1
Paok v Ethnikos	2-2
Yannina v Ap K'rias	1-0
Larisa v Aek	2-0
P'raikos v P'ontos	0-1

### N. IRELAND

Ballymena beat Carrick Rangers 4-1 to win the Irish Cup.

### ROMANIA

Sp Stu B'rest v A T Mures	3-2
St B'rest v D Csu Galati	3-0
SC Bacau v Co H'doara	1-1
Arges P'sti v Rapid B'rest	1-1
Bala Mare v J P'sani	4-1
Uni Craiova v CS T'viste	4-0
Bi Oradea v Di Bucharest	4-1
CR Vitea v FC Olt	1-0
Pol lasi v Pet P'sti	2-0

### AUSTRIA

Klagenfurt v Innsbruck	1-2
Eisenstadt v St Graz	1-1
Gak v Neusiedl	6-0
Ad Wacker v Salzburg	4-1
Rapid St Veit	4-0
Vo Linz v Wiener SC	3-0
Fav AC v Lask	0-1
Aus Wien	17 5 3 69 21 39
Rapid	16 7 2 61 17 39
Lask	15 6 4 46 21 36
St Graz	13 6 6 46 32 32
Innsbruck	10 10 5 41 25 30

### W. GERMANY

Hamburg v Bay Munich	2-1
Ein F'lurt v Nuremberg	3-1
Dortmund v Bo M'bach	4-1
L'kusen v W Mannheim	0-1
D'seldorf v W Bremen	3-4
Bielefeld v B'swick	0-0
Stuttgart v Offenbach	5-1
Uerdingen v Bochum	1-2
K'lautern v Cologne	2-2
Stuttgart	18 9 4 75 29 45
Hamburg	19 6 6 68 33 42
Bay Munich	18 6 7 75 36 42
M'gladbach	18 6 7 69 46 42
W Bremen	17 7 7 69 40 41

### POLAND

LKS Lodz v Wid Lodz	3-3
Ruch Chor v Szu Bytom	1-0
Glas K'wiec v Sl Wroclaw	2-1
P Szczecin v Wis Krakow	2-1
C Krakow v M Lublin	0-0
Gornik Zab v B Gdynia	2-1
Ligia v L Poznan	0-2

### YUGOSLAVIA

Gornik Wal v Zag S'wice	1-1
Wid Lodz	11 10 2 33 18 32
Lach Poznan	14 3 6 36 16 31
P S'zecin	14 2 7 36 17 30
Gornik Wal	10 7 6 34 22 27
Gornik Zab	9 8 6 28 19 28
Red Star v Partizan	0-0
Sloboda v Di Vinko	2-0
Velez v Pristina	3-1
Vardar v Rijeka	2-2
Osijek v Di Zagreb	0-0
Celik v Olimpija	0-1
Sarajevo v Vojvodina	2-0
Hajduk v Z'nicar	2-1
Radnicki v Buducnost	0-0

### PORTUGAL

Benfica v Sp'ling	1-1
B'vista v Porto	2-1
Varzim v S'gueiros	2-1
Penafiel v Espinho	0-0
Braga v P'monense	3-0
Farense v G'maroes	1-0
Agueda v Setubal	0-0
Estoril v Rio Ave	2-1
Benfica	23 4 2 80 21 50
Porto	21 5 3 57 9 47
Sporting	18 4 7 54 23 40
Braga	15 7 7 40 29 37

### SWITZERLAND

Aarau v G-DE-F	1-1
Chassao v Lausanne	1-2
Lucerne v B'zona	1-2
S Gallen v Servette	3-0
Vevey v Basle	2-2
Neuchatel v Wettingen	3-0

### HOLLAND

Young Boys v Sion	0-2
Zurich v G'hoppers	3-2
G'hoppers	16 5 4 51 26 37
S Gallen	15 7 3 51 31 37
Neuchatel	14 8 3 49 20 36
Servette	15 5 5 60 29 35
Sion	15 5 5 60 32 35
V'dam v Hel Sport	0-0
PEC Zwolle v F Sittard	1-3
Willem II v F'noord	0-5
Utrecht v Haarlem	2-1
DS'79 v Groningen	1-5
Sp R'dam v Ajax	5-2
Ex R'dam v GA Eagles	2-1
Roda JC v AZ'67	1-2
Rev v Den Bosch	6-1
V'dam	24 7 2 94 30 55
Feyenoord	22 6 5 86 32 50
Psv	21 7 5 83 44 48
Ajax	13 13 7 57 50 39





## NICHOLAS BATTLE RAGES

**THERE'S** quite a battle going on involving Scotland team manager Jock Stein and Arsenal manager Don Howe.

The trouble is over Arsenal's star Scot, Charlie Nicholas.

Stein replaced Nicholas in a recent international and publicly stated that the boy would not be in the Scottish side for a few games.

This incensed Howe who commented: "I cannot understand this sort of talk from an international manager. If you have something to say, just say it to the player."

"Stein will certainly have to recall Nicholas to his team one of these days."

WHEN Wolverhampton Wanderers played at home to Ipswich Town recently — and lost 3-0 — the game was watched by the smallest Molineux crowd for 47 years.

There were 6,611 spectators in a ground which once held more than 60,000.

Wolves have won only three matches at home all season.

DATES for England's June tour matches are: v Brazil June 10, v Uruguay June 13, and v Chile June 16 or 17. Manager Bobby Robson will take 19 players on the tour.

### ENGLISH SCORERS

#### DIVISION ONE

42 — Ian Rush (Liverpool).  
27 — Steve Archibald (Tottenham).  
24 — Trevor Christie (Notts County).  
20 — Maurice Johnston (Watford), Peter Withe (Aston Villa).  
18 — Frank Stapleton (Manchester United).

#### DIVISION TWO

33 — Kerry Dixon (Chelsea).  
27 — Kevin Keegan (Newcastle).  
24 — Mark Hateley (Portsmouth).  
20 — Gordon Davies (Fulham).

#### DIVISION THREE

40 — Keith Edwards (Sheffield United).  
32 — Alan Cork (Wimbledon).  
29 — John Aldridge (Oxford).

#### DIVISION FOUR

39 — Trevor Senior (Reading).  
31 — Tony Adcock (Colchester).  
27 — John Byrne (York).

# BALD TRUTH ABOUT DAVE

DAVE ARMSTRONG of Southampton lost his hair early in life — so don't imagine his selection for England against Wales indicates England are calling up the pensioners.

Armstrong is 29, which means he's in his prime.

He has had three years with Southampton after being transferred from Middlesbrough and is a regular goalscorer.

It is two years since he was last honoured by England and says he thought his international career was over.

"Selection against Wales came out of the blue and it helped soften the blow of Southampton's Cup semi-final defeat," said Armstrong.

"Now I want to stay in the England squad for important matches coming up, including the tour of South America."



ARMSTRONG (right) heads for goal

## TAYLOR SIGNS FOR SIX YEARS

WATFORD team boss Graham Taylor celebrated getting the club to the Cup Final at Wembley by signing a new six-year contract.

As one of England's best-respected managers, Taylor was rumoured to be leaving Watford's semi-rural surroundings for a top club in the big city.

But instead of moving into the big-time, he is now settled for a lengthy spell with Watford.

Nobody is happier than Watford's chairman, Elton John.

As the piano player said: "Graham's signing is a marvellous boost for the club and supporters. I cannot say how delighted I am."

# PLAYER POWER PRESSURE AT EVERTON

THREE members of Everton's Cup Final side are due to sign new contracts at the end of this season, so they're putting on the pressure for big cash right now!

The players are Welsh international goalkeeper Neville Southall, Irish international forward Kevin Sheedy and midfielder

Peter Reid.

All three turned down the terms offered.

Now Everton will have to up the offer to have

three unsettled players in their side for the biggest match of the year at Wembley against Watford.

## BEST BOSS? NO THANKS



**BELIEVE** it or not... George Best wants to become team manager of Fulham in succession to Malcolm Macdonald.

Fulham chairman Ernie Clay commented: "I like George but I really don't think he's the man for us."

In his playing days, the headline boy from Belfast

used to drive most of his managers around the bend.

How would Best himself handle troublesome players if he became a team boss?

## TITLE GOES TO DONS

ABERDEEN have been crowned champions of Scotland, a worthy reward for a season of magnificent consistency.

The destination of the title was finally settled last week when Aberdeen beat Hearts 1-0 at Tynecastle, placing them too far ahead of Celtic, or any other team, to be robbed of the championship.

The only goal of the game came from a full-back... and it was the first goal of his career!

Stewart McKimmie scored the vital goal in the 61st minute of the match.

Now Aberdeen look forward to appearing in the 1984-85 European Cup in which competition they hope to make up for their disappointing venture into Europe this season when they were eliminated from the Cup Winners Cup by Porto.



KEVIN SHEEDY



## BRAZIL IS THE TARGET

MANCHESTER UNITED are still determined to add another top forward to their impressive playing staff.

Alan Brazil of Spurs, formerly with Ipswich Town, is United's latest target.

Brazil has not been a huge success with the London side and is likely to be put on the transfer market.

He was expected to take over from Steve Archibald at Spurs when Archibald was up for transfer.

But Archibald stayed and is likely to sign a new contract, and this means Brazil's future is clouded.



ALAN BRAZIL



STEVE ARCHIBALD

## UNITED HELPS WALES

TWO of Manchester United's not-so-glamorous players, Alan Davies and Mark Hughes, have made international grade.

Alan and Mark were selected for the Welsh squad for last week's match against England at

Wrexham.

This means United have internationals from England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Holland in their team.

DAVIES is pictured (right) during last year's FA Cup Final.



## AUSSIE JOHNSTON PICKING UP PEOPLE POINTS

IN the Sunday People's merit awards, the progress points make interesting reading.

Every player in every match gets weekly marks out of 10 and cash prizes are presented to winners in several different categories.

For instance... Liver-

pool's Craig Johnston is the eighth best midfielder in England's First Division, just pipped by seventh-placed Manchester United skipper Bryan Robson.

Peter Shilton is leading the goalkeeping category (naturally) with Nigel Spink of Aston Villa his closest challenger.

But if you think the prolific scoring Ian Rush is

England's top striker, think again. Rush is in second place, just behind John Barnes of Watford.

Best "newcomer" at this stage is Pat Niven of

Chelsea, in his first season in England — after playing for Scotland against Australia in the World Youth Championship in Mexico.

### THOMAS A BARGAIN

CHELSEA winger Mickey Thomas is rated the bargain buy of the season after his signing from Stoke City for \$80,000 — a move which started Chelsea's promotion-chasing match-winning run.

## WAR DECLARED!

ENGLAND have been promised a warm reception when they travel to Bucharest to play Romania in their World Cup qualifying match.

The warning comes from Romanian coach Stefan Kovacs, who had plenty to say at a coaching seminar held in Strasbourg.

Kovacs said: "Qualifying rounds of competitions are always tough. When it comes to European Championships or World Cups, it is war."

Romania will be the biggest hurdle for England on the road to Mexico '86, so the Englishmen are bound to be apprehensive about what Kovacs said.

Another comment from the Romanian: "In world competition, you can't think about fine Soccer."

"It is a battle and we all wage war to win a Cup."

In club competitions in Europe, the Romanians are always feared for being tough tacklers.

Dinamo Bucharest, beaten by Liverpool in the European Cup semi-final, have had 11 players given the yellow card in seven European matches this season.

## HOWE GETS JOB

ARSENAL'S search for a new team manager has ended — they are not going to sign up anyone.

Instead, they will stick with caretaker manager Don Howe, who has been under enormous pressure to justify himself since relieving Terry Neill.

Howe is one of Britain's best coaches, but in the more responsible role of manager, there have been question-marks about his talent.

Arsenal are satisfied he's the man for the top job at Highbury.



## UK tables

### ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	39	21	12	6	67	31	75
Man Utd	39	20	13	6	69	36	73
Q.P.R.	40	22	6	12	65	33	72
Southampton	38	19	10	9	56	37	67
Notts Forest	39	19	8	12	67	43	65
Arsenal	40	18	8	14	70	55	62
Tottenham	40	17	9	14	63	59	60
Aston Villa	40	17	9	14	58	57	60
West Ham	39	17	8	14	56	49	59
Watford	40	15	9	16	65	71	54
Everton	39	13	14	12	38	41	51
Leicester	40	13	12	15	65	65	51
Luton	40	14	9	17	53	62	51
Norwich	39	12	13	14	45	45	49
Sunderland	40	12	12	16	40	53	48
Ipswich	40	13	8	19	51	55	47
West Bromwich	39	13	8	18	44	59	47
Coventry	40	12	11	17	55	71	47
Birmingham	40	12	10	18	38	49	46
Stoke	40	11	11	18	39	63	44
Notts County	39	10	9	20	49	69	39
Wolves	40	5	11	24	26	76	26

### ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield Wed	40	25	9	6	70	34	84
Chelsea	40	23	13	4	86	39	82
Newcastle	40	23	7	10	80	50	76
Grimsby	40	19	13	8	59	44	70
Man City	40	19	9	12	61	48	66
Blackburn	40	16	15	9	54	45	63
Cardiff	40	16	15	9	45	37	63
Shrewsbury	40	16	10	14	46	52	58
Brighton	40	16	9	15	65	57	57
Charlton	40	16	9	15	50	59	57
Leeds	40	15	11	14	52	54	56
Huddersfield	40	14	13	13	54	47	55
Fulham	40	13	12	15	53	50	51
Cardiff	40	15	5	20	52	63	50
Barnsley	40	14	7	19	54	48	49
Middlesbrough	40	12	12	16	41	44	48
Portsmouth	40	13	7	20	68	62	46
Crystal Palace	40	12	10	18	40	48	46
Oldham	40	12	8	20	45	69	44
Derby	40	10	9	21	34	69	39
Swansea	40	7	7	26	34	78	28
Cambridge	40	3	12	25	27	72	21

### ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	44	26	11	7	86	47	89
Wimbledon	44	25	9	10	94	73	84
Sheffield Utd	44	23	11	10	83	50	80
Hull	43	22	13	8	69	37	79
Bristol Rovers	44	21	12	11	65	52	75
Walsall	44	21	8	15	65	59	71
Bradford	43	20	10	13	72	58	70
Gillingham	44	19	9	16	70	67	66
Millwall	43	17	13	13	66	61	64
Orkney	44	18	9	17	69	76	63
Burnley	43	16	14	13	76	53	62
Bolton	44	17	10	17	52	57	61
Newport	44	16	13	15	57	72	61
Wigan	44	15	13	16	44	52	58
Lincoln	44	16	9	19	56	50	57
Preston	44	14	11	19	63	63	53
Bournemouth	44	14	7	23	57	72	49
Rotherham	43	13	9	21	48	60	48
Brentford	44	11	14	19	67	77	47
Plymouth	43	11	11	21	49	60	44
Southend	44	10	13	21	54	74	43
Scunthorpe	43	8	18	17	49	69	42
Port Vale	43	9	10	24	47	80	37
Exeter	44	6	15	23	50	79	33

### ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York	44	30	8	6	92	37	98
Doncaster	43	22	13	8	79	53	79
Bristol City	45	23	10	12	68	43	79
Reading	44	21	15	8	80	53	78
Aldershot	44	22	8	14	75	66	74
Blackpool	43	20	9	14	66	49	69
Peterborough	44	17	14	13	71	46	65
Colchester	44	16	16	12	65	49	64
Torquay	44	17	13	14	58	63	64
Tranmere	43	16	15	12	51	47	63
Stockport	44	17	11	16	60	61	62
Hereford	44	15	15	14	52	49	60
Crewe	43	16	10	17	54	62	58
Chesterfield	44	14	15	15	54	56	57
Bury	44	14	14	16	59	60	56
Swindon	44	14	13	17	55	54	55
Darlington	43	16	6	21	45	48	54
Northampton	45	13	14	18	52	75	53
Mansfield	44	11	13	20	60	68	48
Halifax	44	11	12	21	51	84	45
Rochdale	45	10	13	22	51	80	43
Wrexham	42	9	13	20	47	68	40
Hartlepool	44	9	9	26	43	82	36
Chester	44	7	13	24	44	79	34

### SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	33	25	5	3	76	18	55
Celtic	35	21	7	7	79	40	49
Dundee Utd	33	18	9	6	65	36	45
Rangers	33	14	10	9	51	40	38
Hearts	34	9	15	10	36	46	33
St Mirren	35	8	14	13	52	57	30
Hibernian	35	12	6	17	45	55	30
Dundee	34	10	4	20	47	73	24
St Johnstone	35	10	3	22	36	79	23
Motherwell	35	4	7	24	31	74	15

### SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morton	38	20	12	6	72	44	52
Dumbarton	38	20	11	7	66	41	51
Partick	38	18	8	12	65	49	44
Clydebank	38	16	12	10	60	48	44
Brechin	38	14	13	11	54	56	41
Kilmarnock	38	16	6	16	55	50	38
Falkirk	38	16	6	16	45	52	38
Clyde	38	12	13	13	53	49	37
Airdrieonians	38	13	9	16	45	53	35
Hamilton	38	10	14	14	42	46	34
Meadowbank	38	12	10	16	48	67	34
Ayr	38	9	12	17	53	70	30
Raith	38	9	11	18	51	61	29
Alloa	38	8	9	21	41	64	25

### SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forfar	38	26	9	3	71	31	61
East Fife	38	19	7	12	55	41	45
Queen of South	38	16	10	12	50	43	42
Arbroath	38	18	6	14	51	45	42
Berwick	38	15	11	12	58	38	41
Stirling	38	13	14	11	48	41	40
Stanhurst	38	14	11	13	46	54	39
Stranraer	38	13	12	13	46	45	38
Dunfermline	38	13	10	15	44	43	36
Queens Park	38	13	8	17	55	62	34
East Stirling	38	10	11	17	48	62	31
Montrose	38	12	7	19	36	57	31
Cowdenbeath	38	9	9	20	40	55	27
Albion	38	7	11	20	45	76	25





# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



## NEXT WEEKEND'S MATCHES

ROUND 11 — MAY 12/13

**NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS**  
v  
**S'SHINE GEORGE CROSS**  
ADAMSTOWN OVAL  
2.30 PM SATURDAY



DON McLAREN (George Cross)

**BRISBANE LIONS**  
v  
**BLACKTOWN CITY**  
RICHLANDS  
3 PM

**PENRITH CITY**  
v  
**CANBERRA ARROWS**  
COOK PARK, ST MARYS  
3 PM



ALAN REIS (Canberra Arrows)

**BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS**  
v  
**PRESTON**  
OLYMPIC PARK  
3 PM

**SYDNEY CITY**  
v  
**MARCONI**  
SYDNEY ATHLETIC FIELD  
3 PM



ROD BROWN (Marconi)

**FOOTSCRAY**  
v  
**MELBOURNE CROATIA**  
SCHINTLER RESERVE  
3 PM

**SYDNEY CROATIA**  
v  
**P'MATTA MELITA EAGLES**  
KING TOMISLAV PARK  
3 PM



DENNIS DUARTE (Melita)

**GREEN GULLY**  
v  
**BRISBANE CITY**  
GREEN GULLY  
3 PM

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC**  
v  
**LEICHHARDT-APIA**  
PRATTEN PARK  
3 PM



KERRY CABAN (Leichhardt)

**SOUTH MELBOURNE**  
v  
**ADELAIDE CITY**  
MIDDLE PARK  
3 PM

**WOLLONGONG CITY**  
v  
**ST GEORGE**  
WOLLONGONG  
SHOWGROUND  
3 PM

**SYDNEY CITY**  
v  
**NEWCASTLE**  
ST GEORGE STADIUM  
7.45 PM WEDNESDAY  
(From Round 6)

**WEST ADELAIDE**  
v  
**HEIDELBERG UTD**  
HINDMARSH STADIUM  
3 PM